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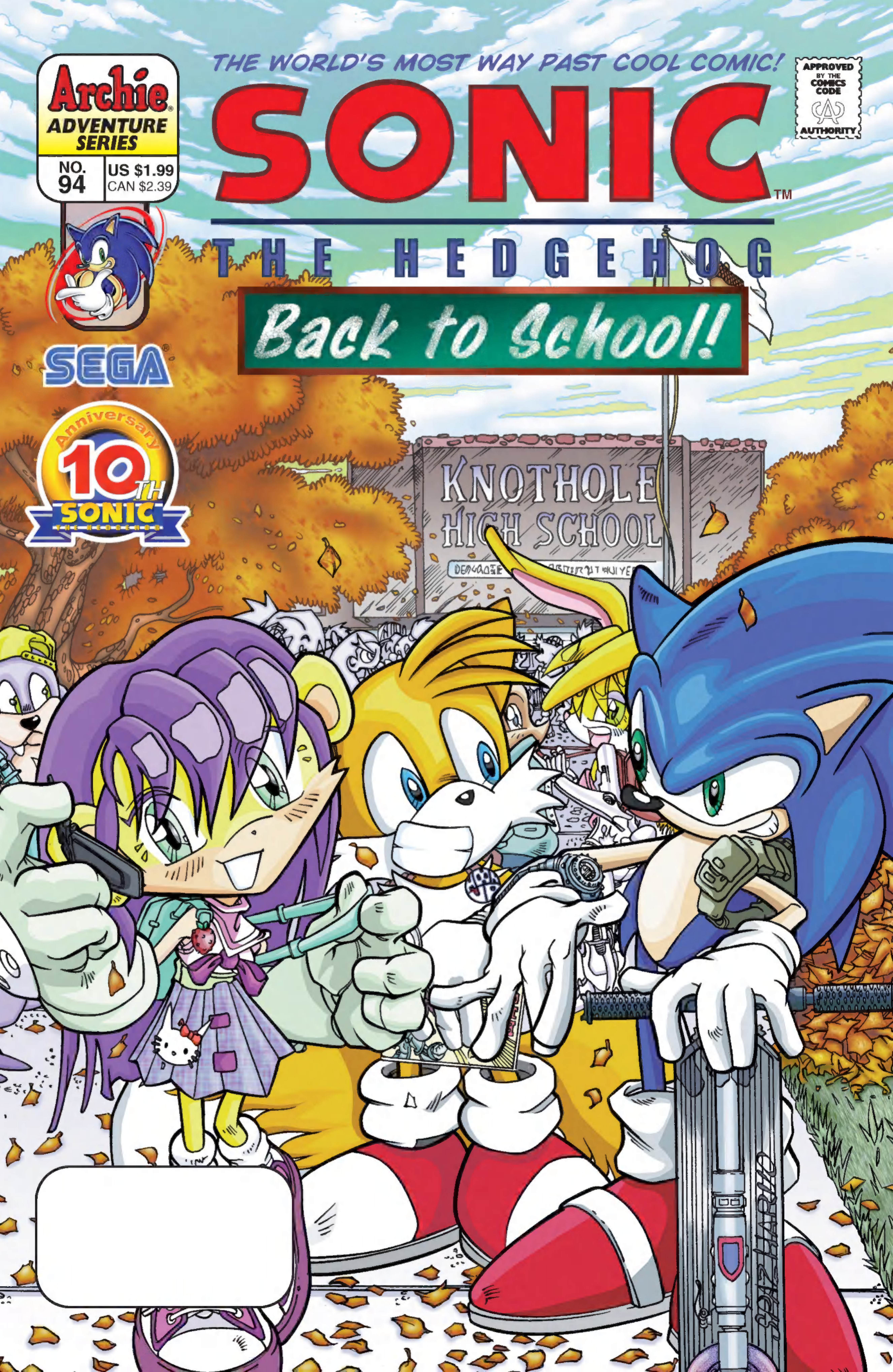
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T H E H E D G E H O G

Back to School!



After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

IT'D BEEN NEARLY SIX 'N A HALF WEEKS SINCE I'D BEEN STRIPPED OF MY ROYAL TITLE...

...AND DURING THAT TIME, PRINCE ELIAS HAD MADE A WHOLE LOTTA OTHER CHANGES 'ROUND KNOTHOLE. FIRST, A BRAND NEW CASTLE ACORN...

... A HOSPITAL CLINIC...

... A PRISON...

... AND THE SCARIEST OF 'EM ALL.

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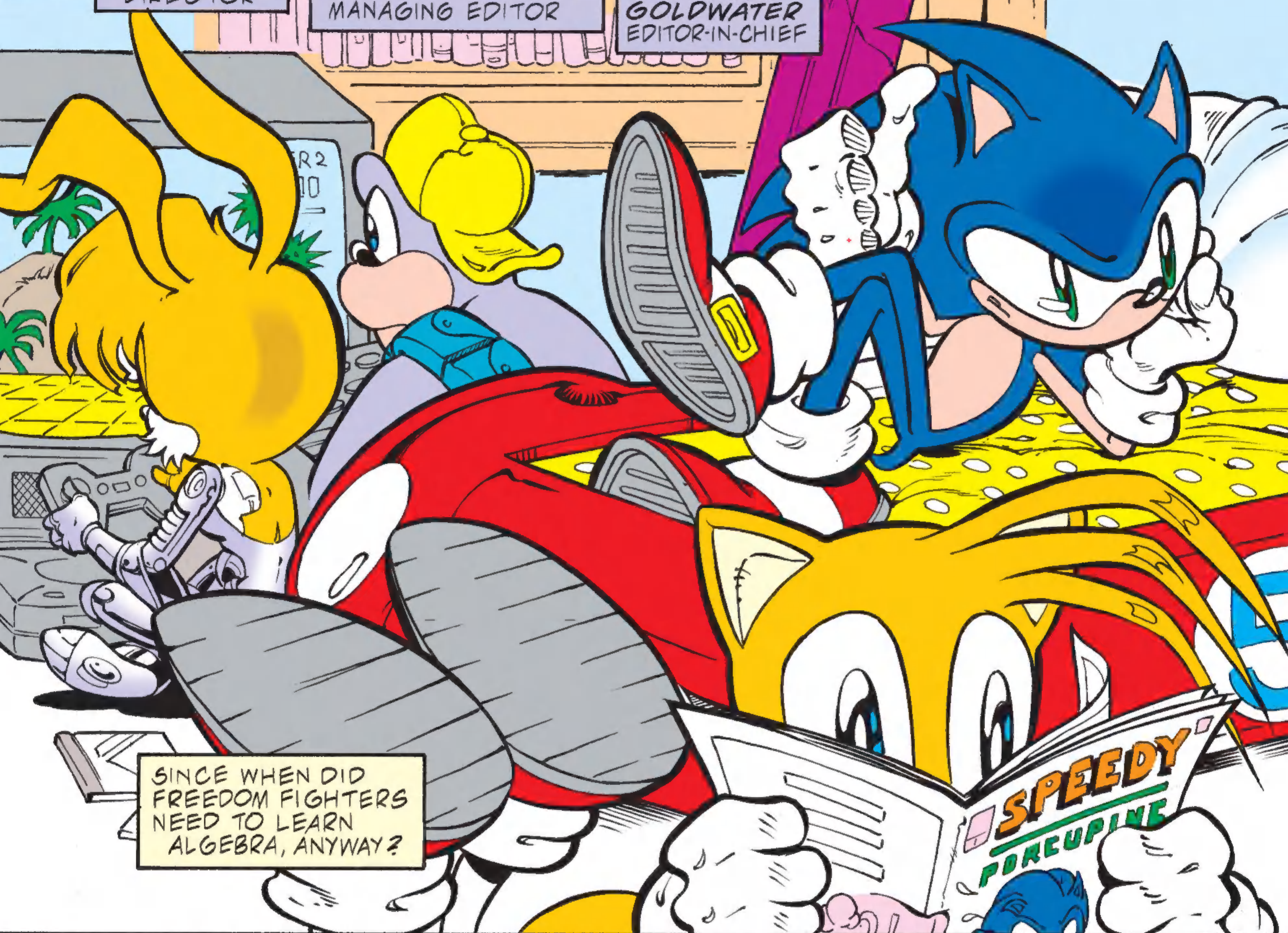
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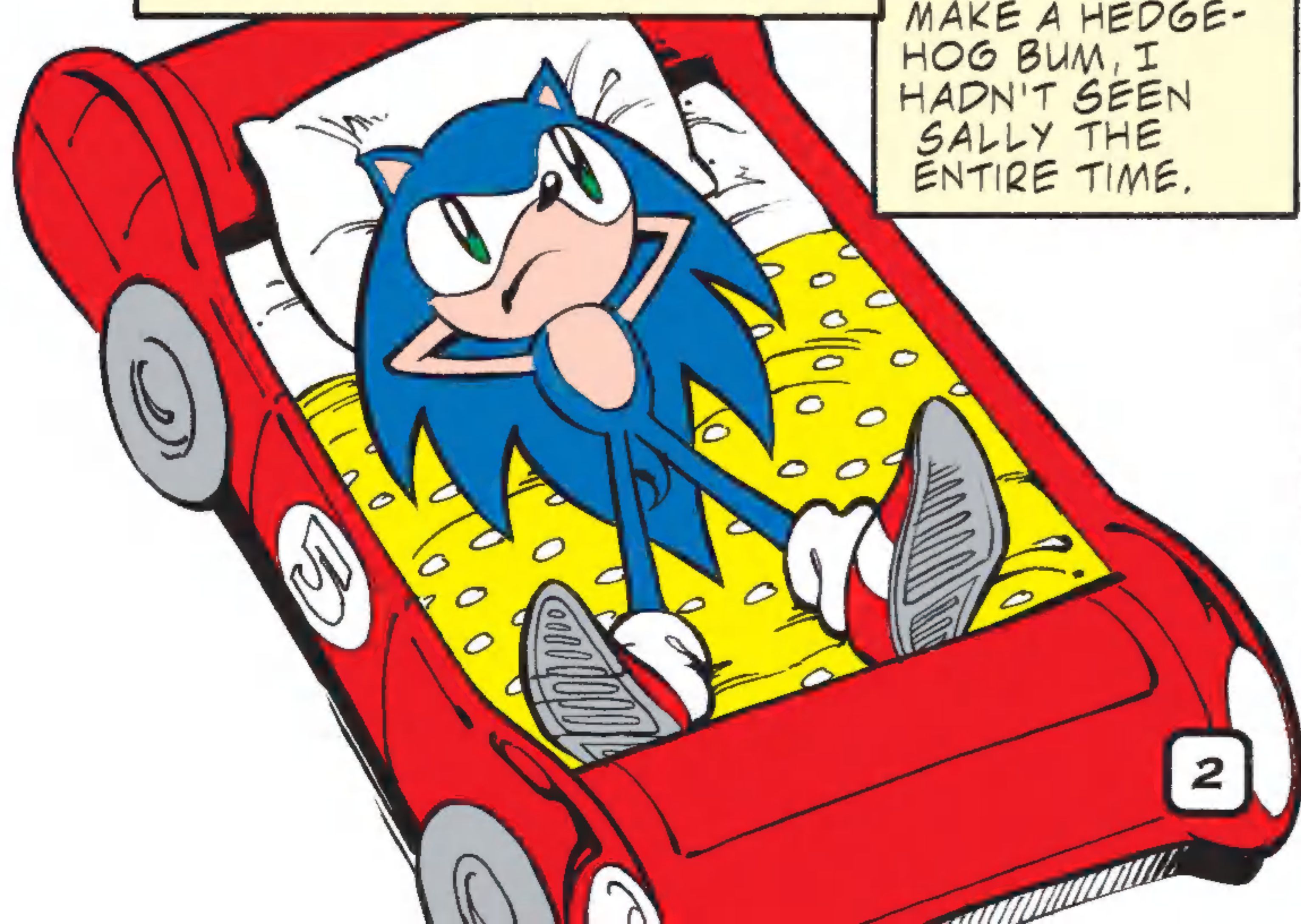


GUESS WE WEREN'T FREEDOM
FIGHTERS--NOT ME, ANYWAY.
'SPECIALLY SINCE I WAS NOT
TO LEAVE THE 'HOLE ANYMORE.

AS IF THAT
WASN'T ENOUGH
TO, LIKE, TOTALLY
MAKE A HEDGE-
HOG BUM, I
HADN'T SEEN
SALLY THE
ENTIRE TIME.

BUNNIE SAID--

DON'T SWEAT IT!
TOMORROW IS THE FIRST
DAY O' CLASSES AND
SHE'S BOUND TO BE
THERE, SUGAH-HOG!



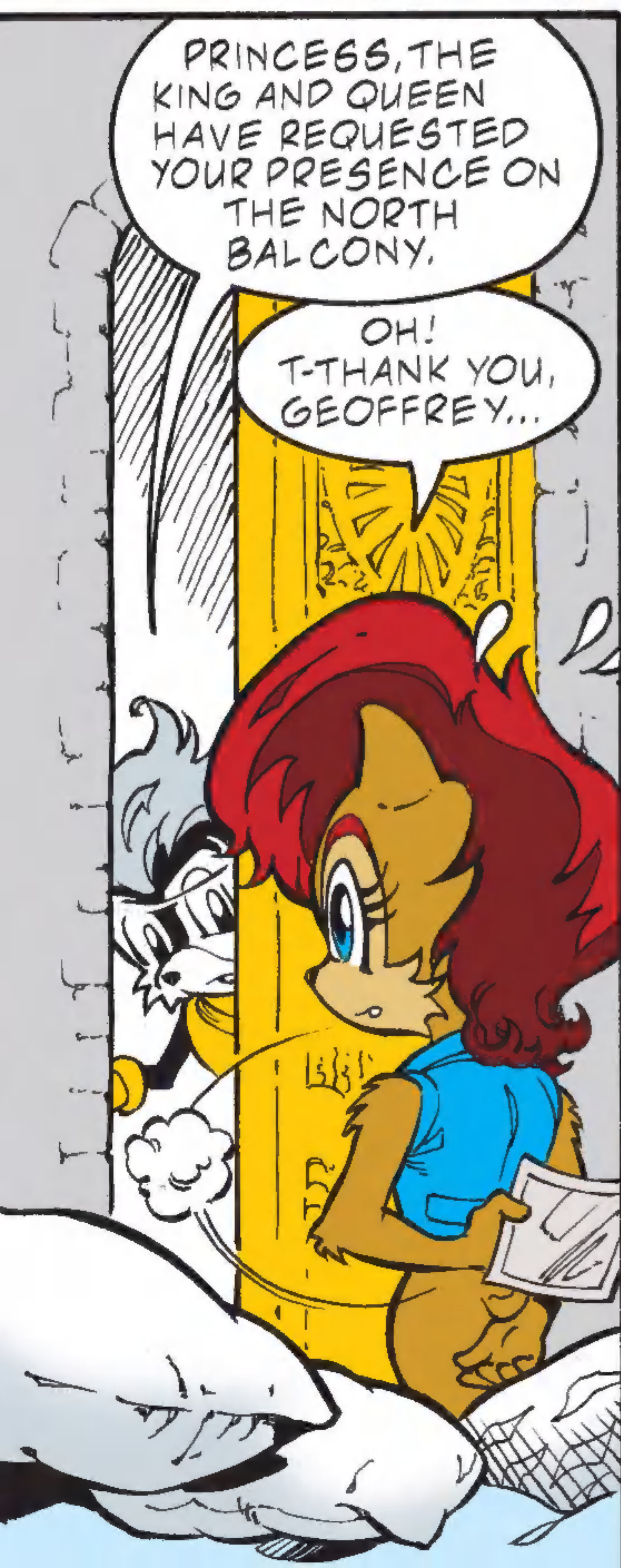


STILL I WONDERED
WHAT SHE WAS DOING
RIGHT THAT VERY
MOMENT...

LET'S SEE...
PENCILS...NOTEBOOK
...RULER...HUH?
WHAT'S THIS?

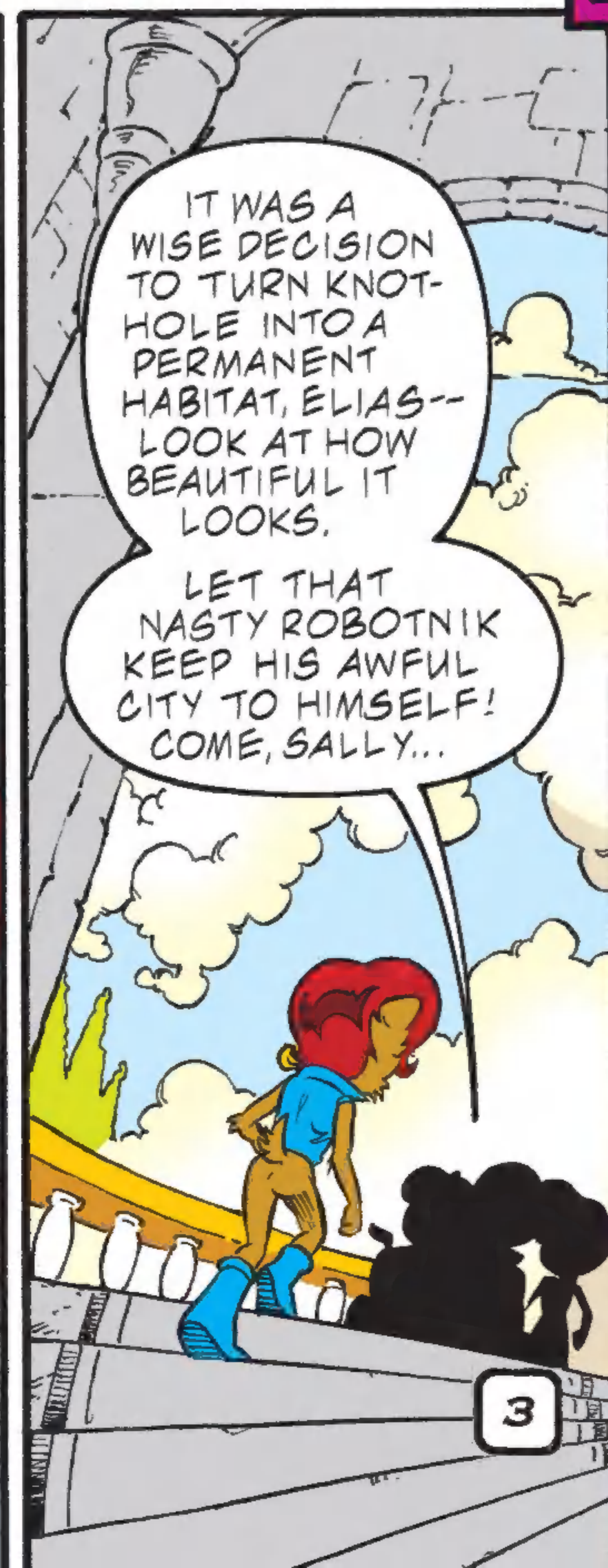


MY OH SO BRAVE
HEDGEHOG... I'VE BEEN
SO OVERWHELMED WITH
FAMILY AFFAIRS THESE
PAST WEEKS THAT--



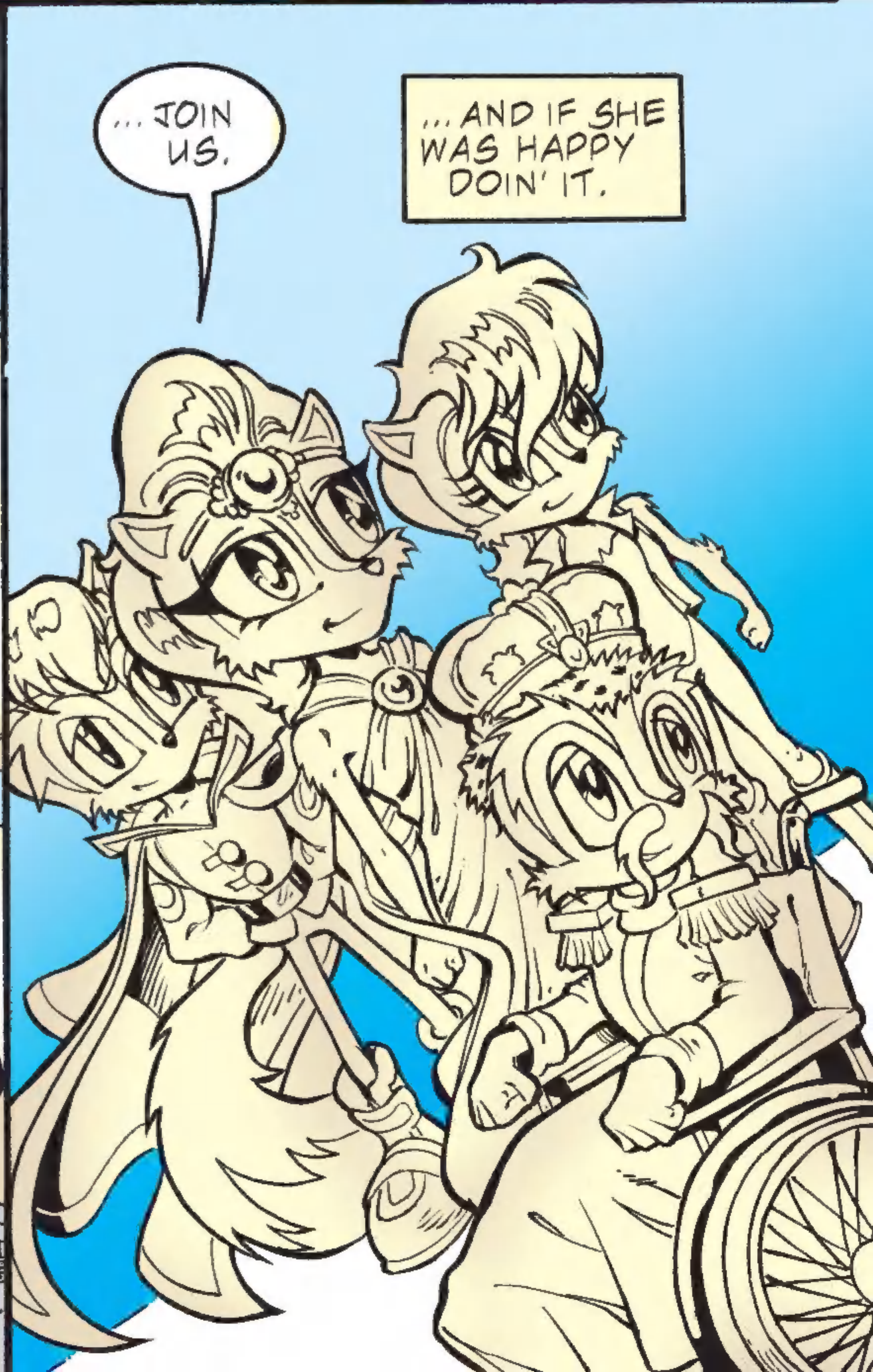
PRINCESS, THE
KING AND QUEEN
HAVE REQUESTED
YOUR PRESENCE ON
THE NORTH
BALCONY.

OH!
T-THANK YOU,
GEOFFREY...



IT WAS A
WISE DECISION
TO TURN KNOT-
HOLE INTO A
PERMANENT
HABITAT, ELIAS--
LOOK AT HOW
BEAUTIFUL IT
LOOKS.

LET THAT
NASTY ROBOTNIK
KEEP HIS AWFUL
CITY TO HIMSELF!
COME, SALLY...

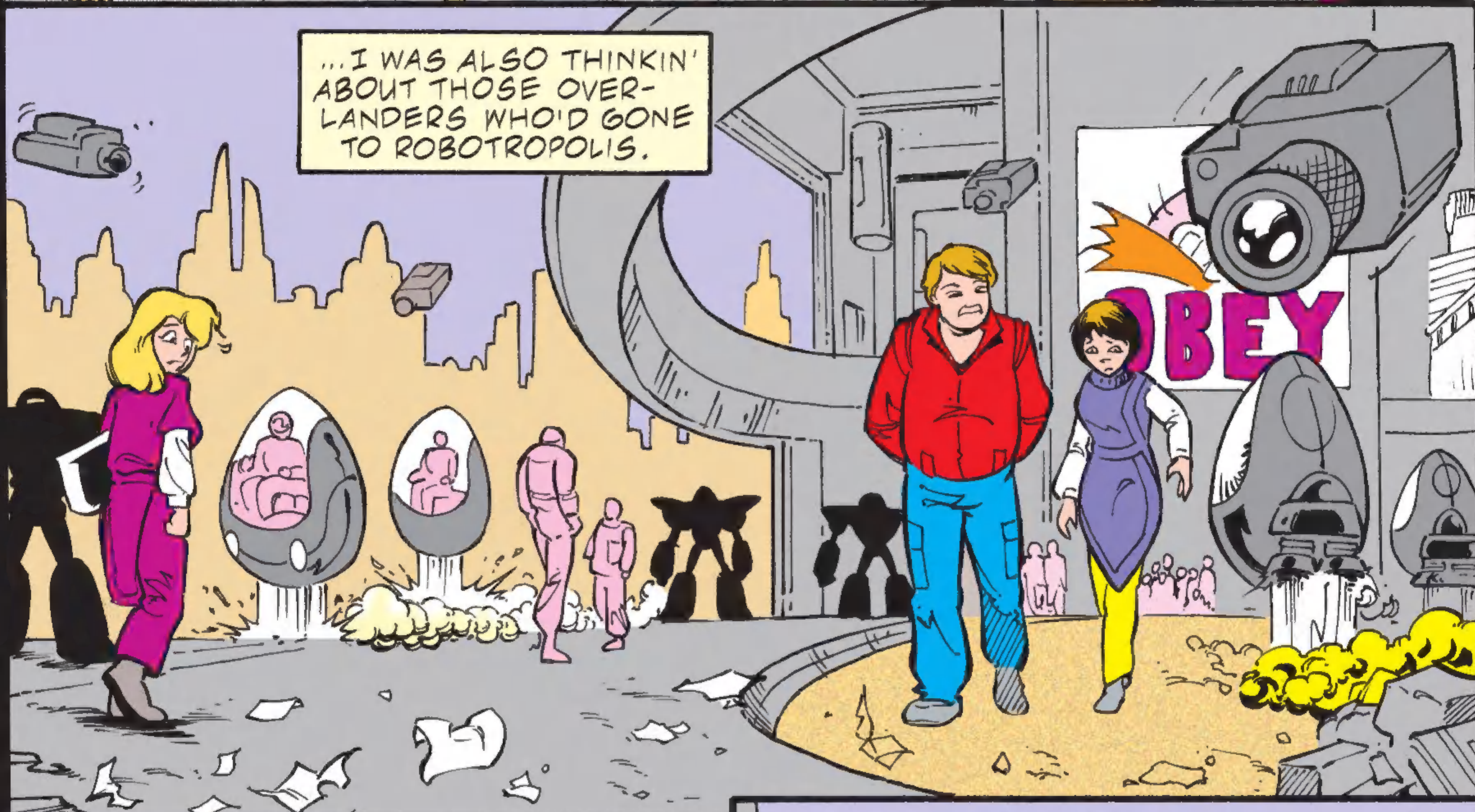


... JOIN
US.

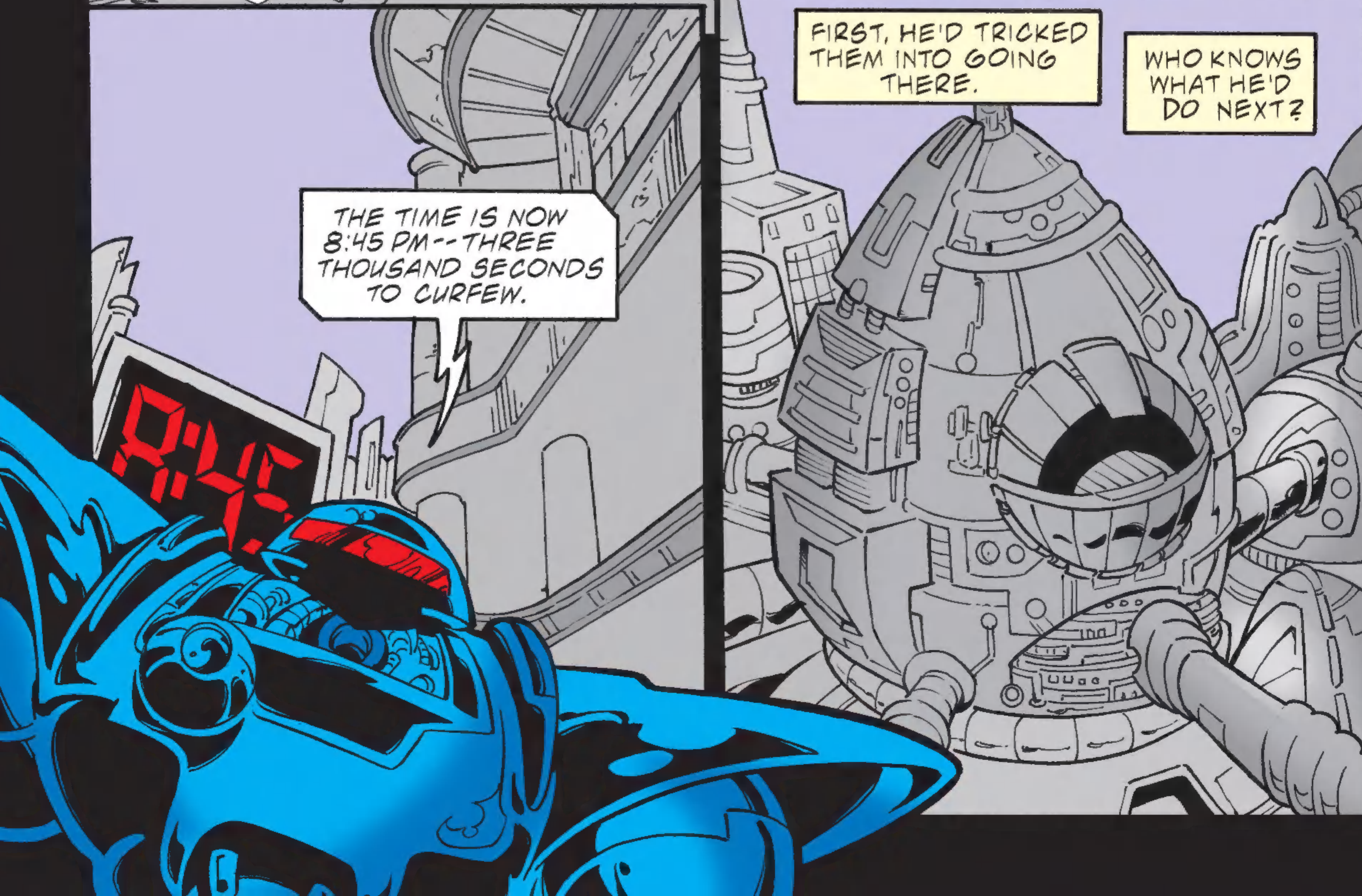
... AND IF SHE
WAS HAPPY
DOIN' IT.



BUT, I HAD TO
BE HONEST...



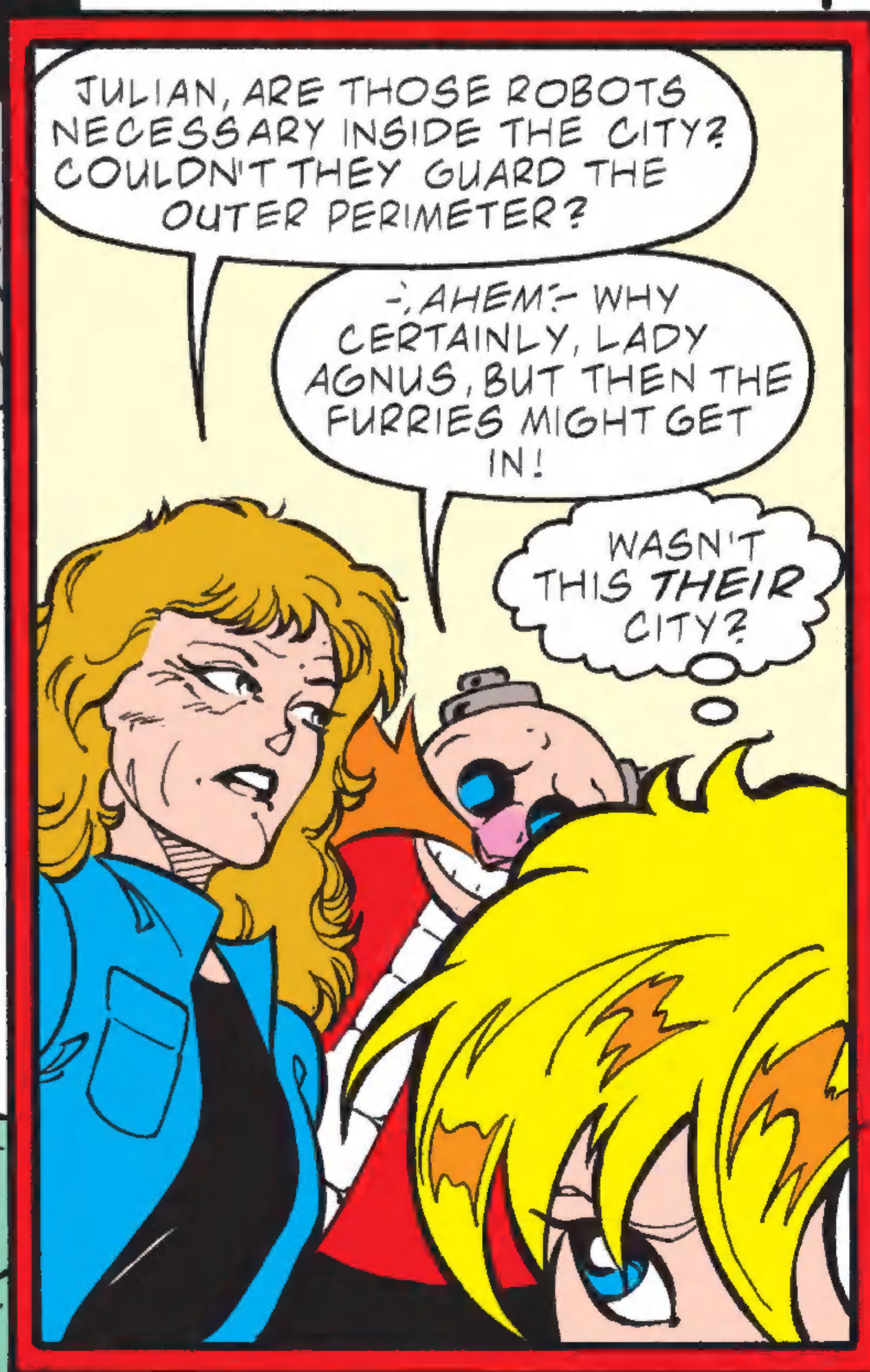
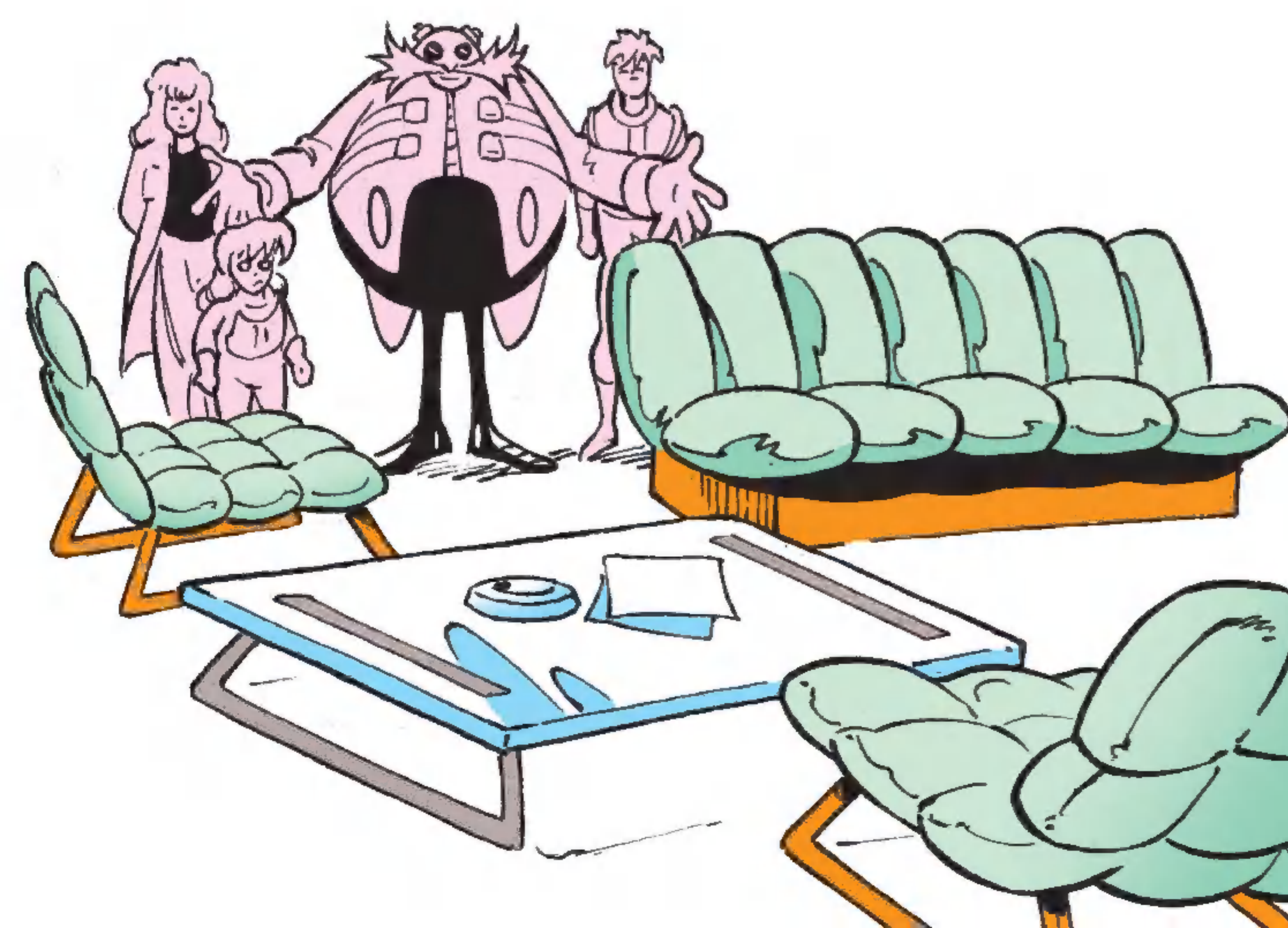
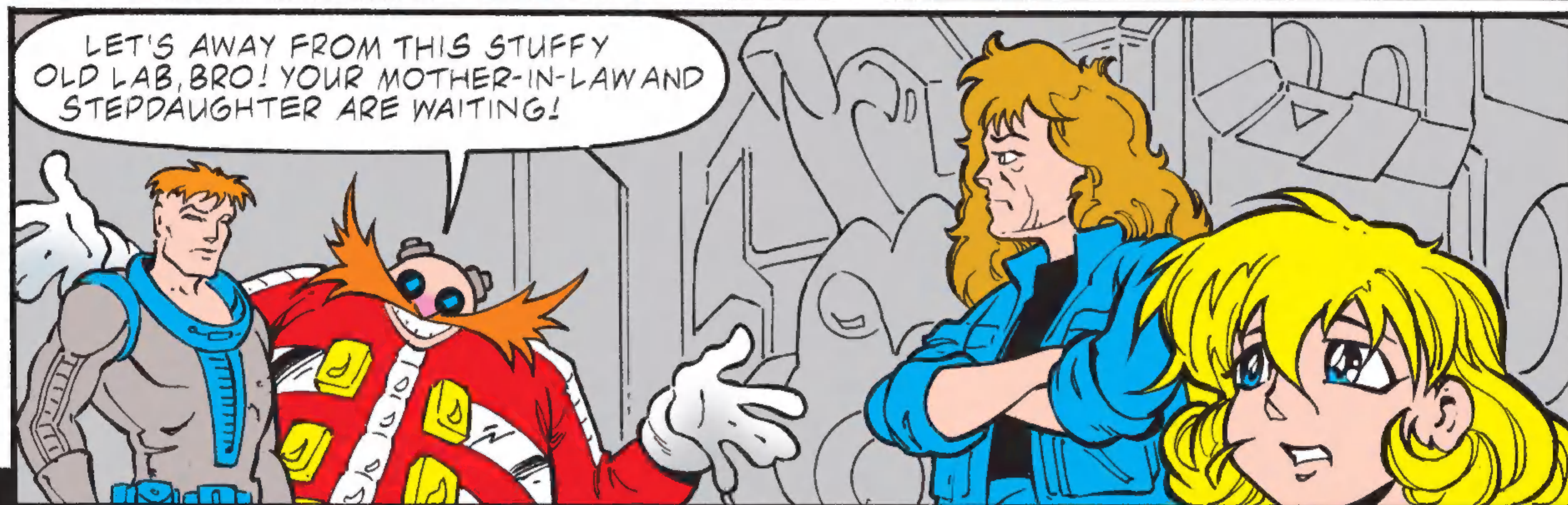
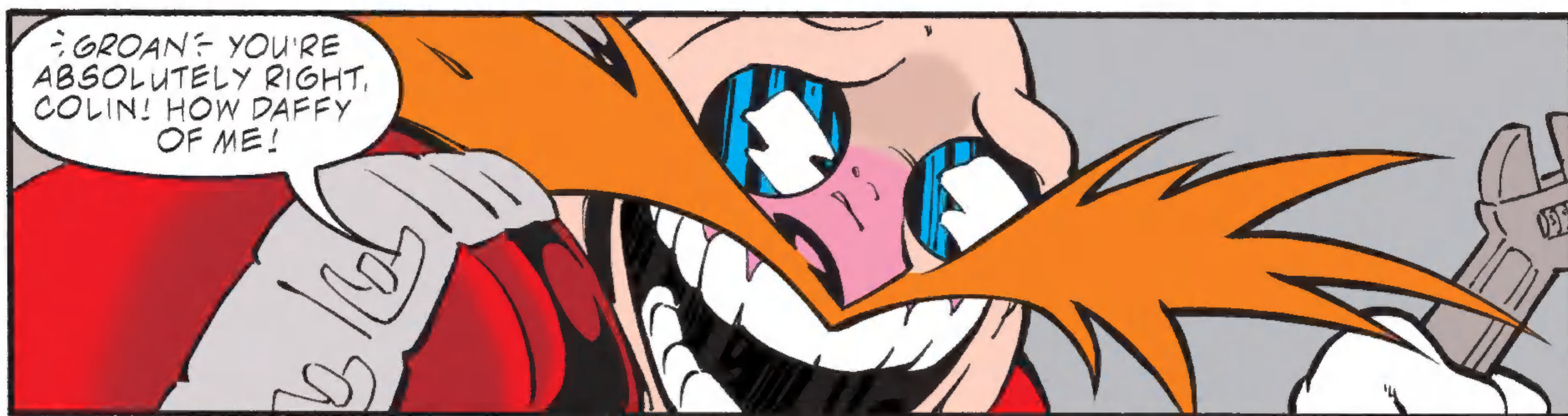
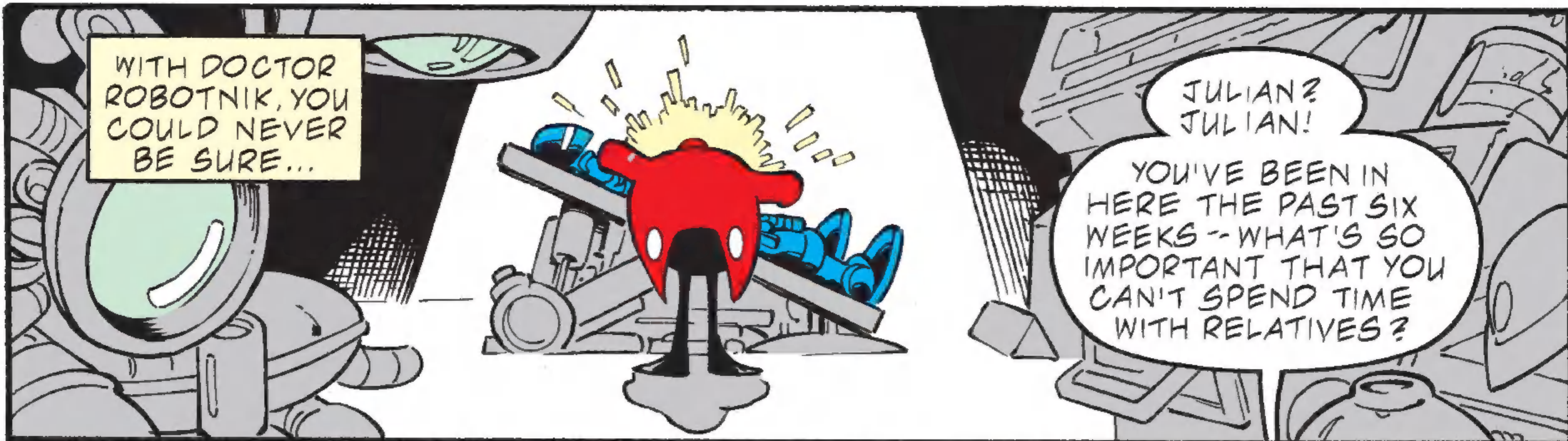
...I WAS ALSO THINKIN'
ABOUT THOSE OVER-
LANDERS WHO'D GONE
TO ROBOTROPOLIS.

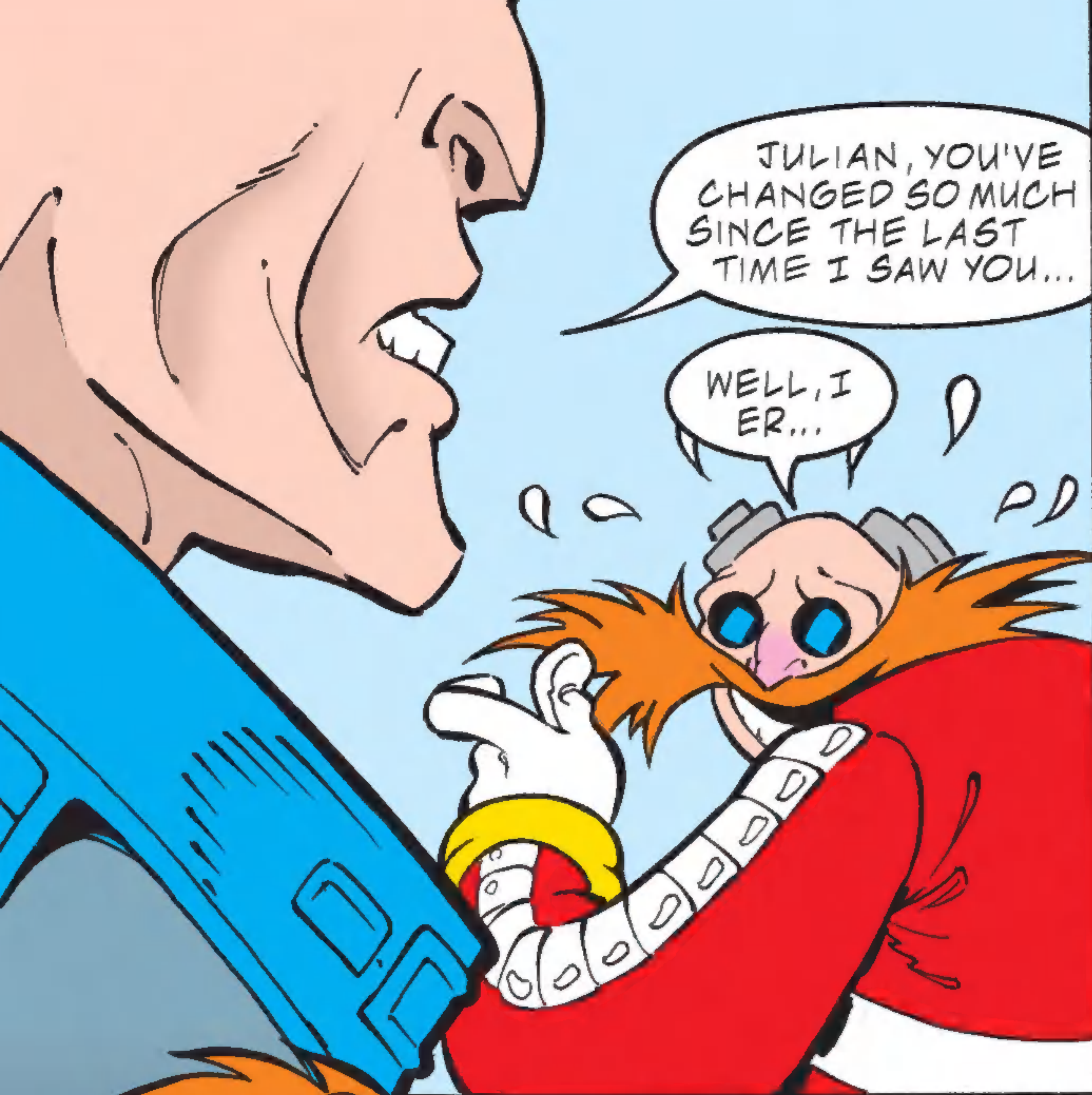


THE TIME IS NOW
8:45 PM--THREE
THOUSAND SECONDS
TO CURFEW.

FIRST, HE'D TRICKED
THEM INTO GOING
THERE.

WHO KNOWS
WHAT HE'D
DO NEXT?





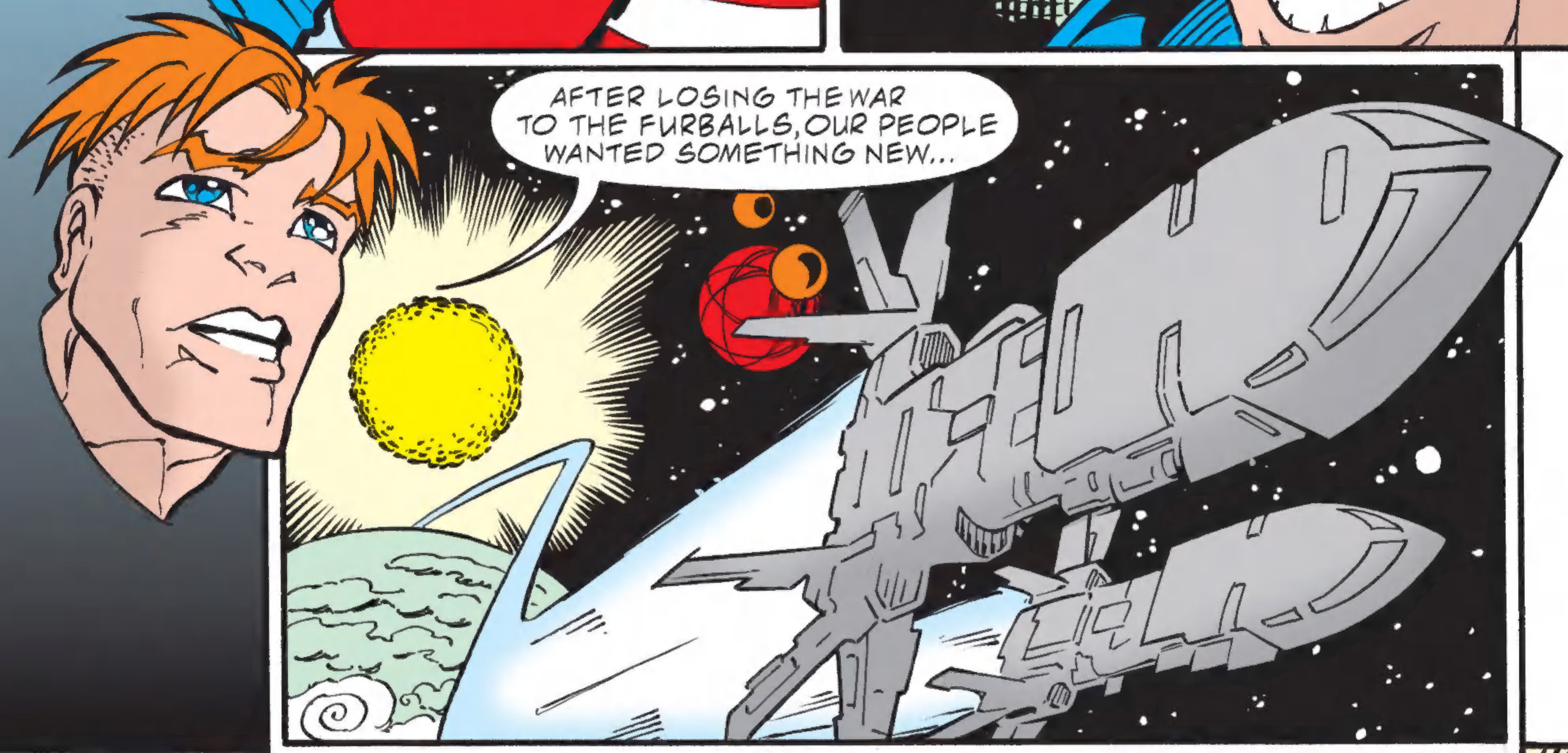
JULIAN, YOU'VE CHANGED SO MUCH SINCE THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU...

WELL, I ER...

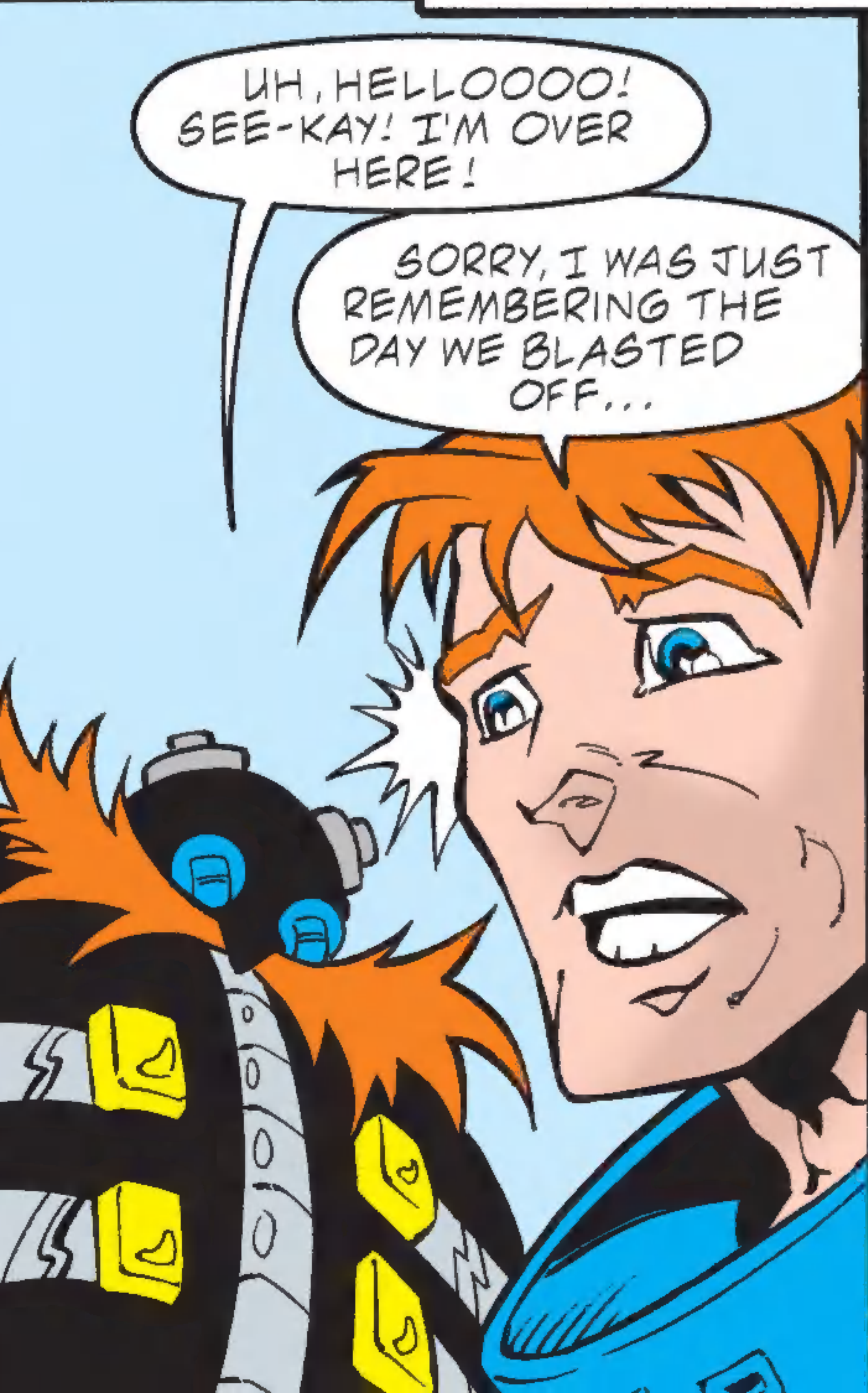


AS MINISTER OF JUSTICE, I SENTENCED YOU TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON. I WAS OBVIOUSLY IN ERROR-- YOU'RE A DIFFERENT PERSON.

UH...YES. BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, COLIN? WHY WERE YOU IN OUTER SPACE?

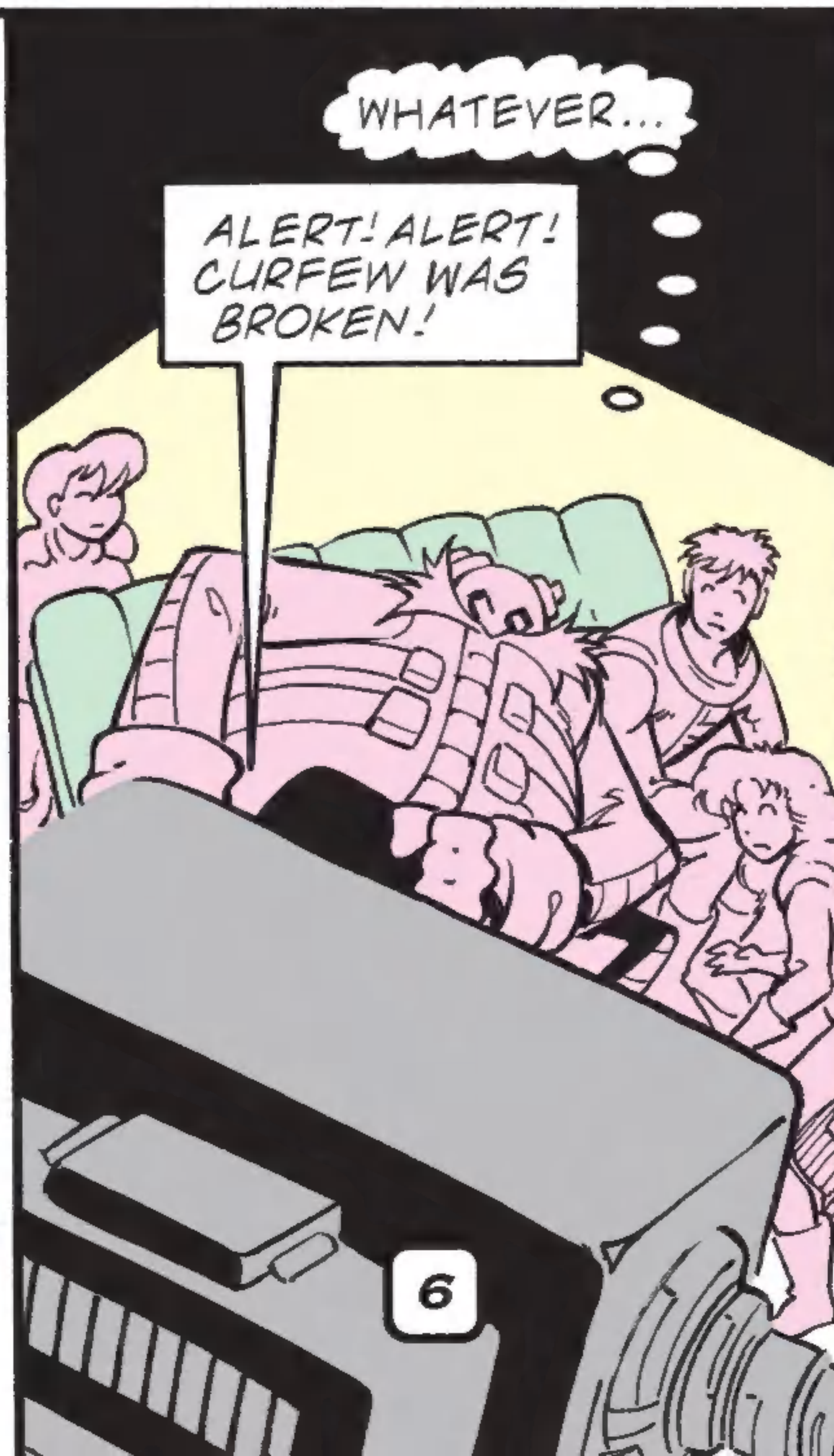


AFTER LOSING THE WAR TO THE FURBALLS, OUR PEOPLE WANTED SOMETHING NEW...



UH, HELLOOOO! SEE-KAY! I'M OVER HERE!

SORRY, I WAS JUST REMEMBERING THE DAY WE BLASTED OFF...

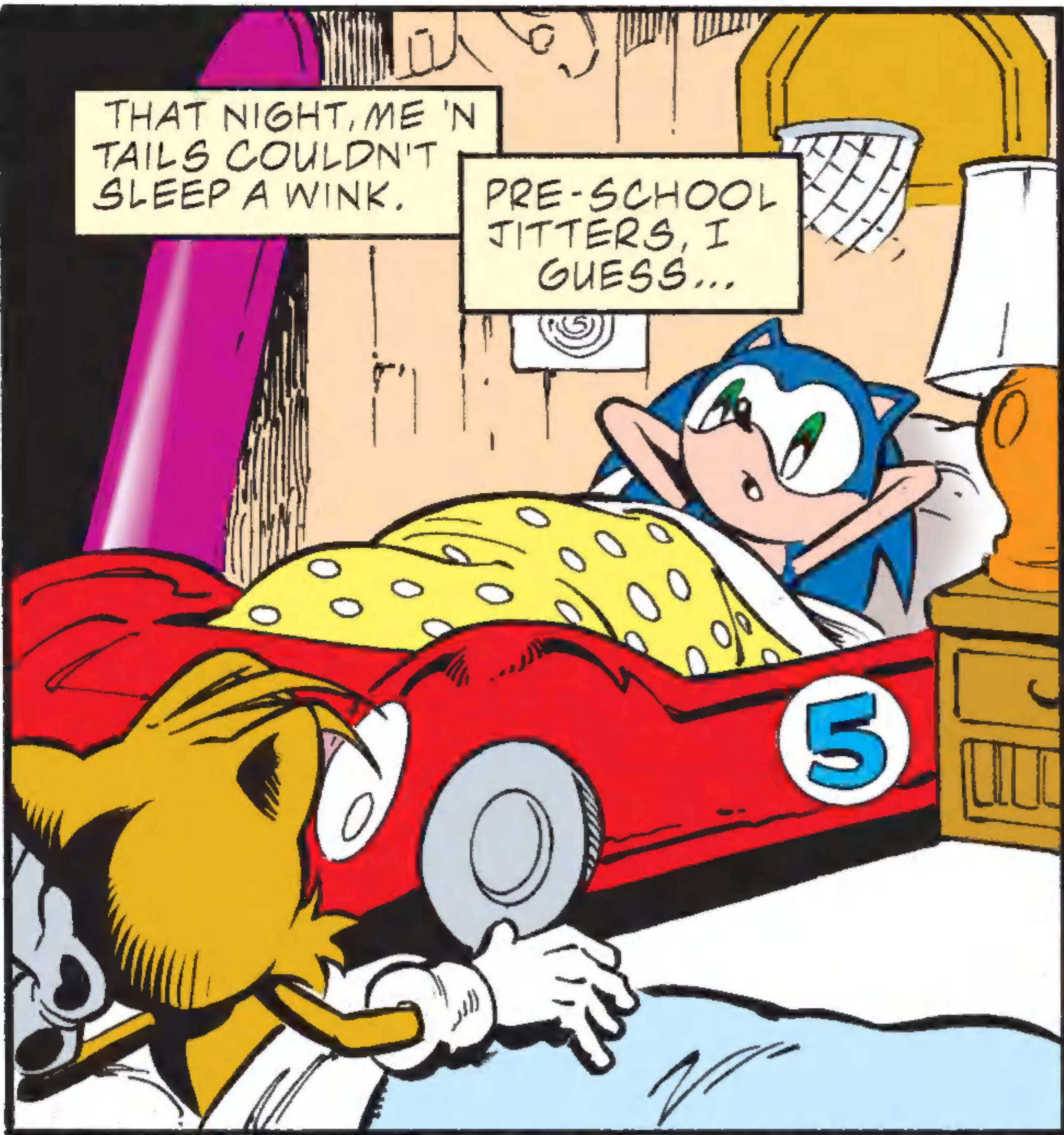


WHATEVER...

ALERT! ALERT! CURFEW WAS BROKEN!

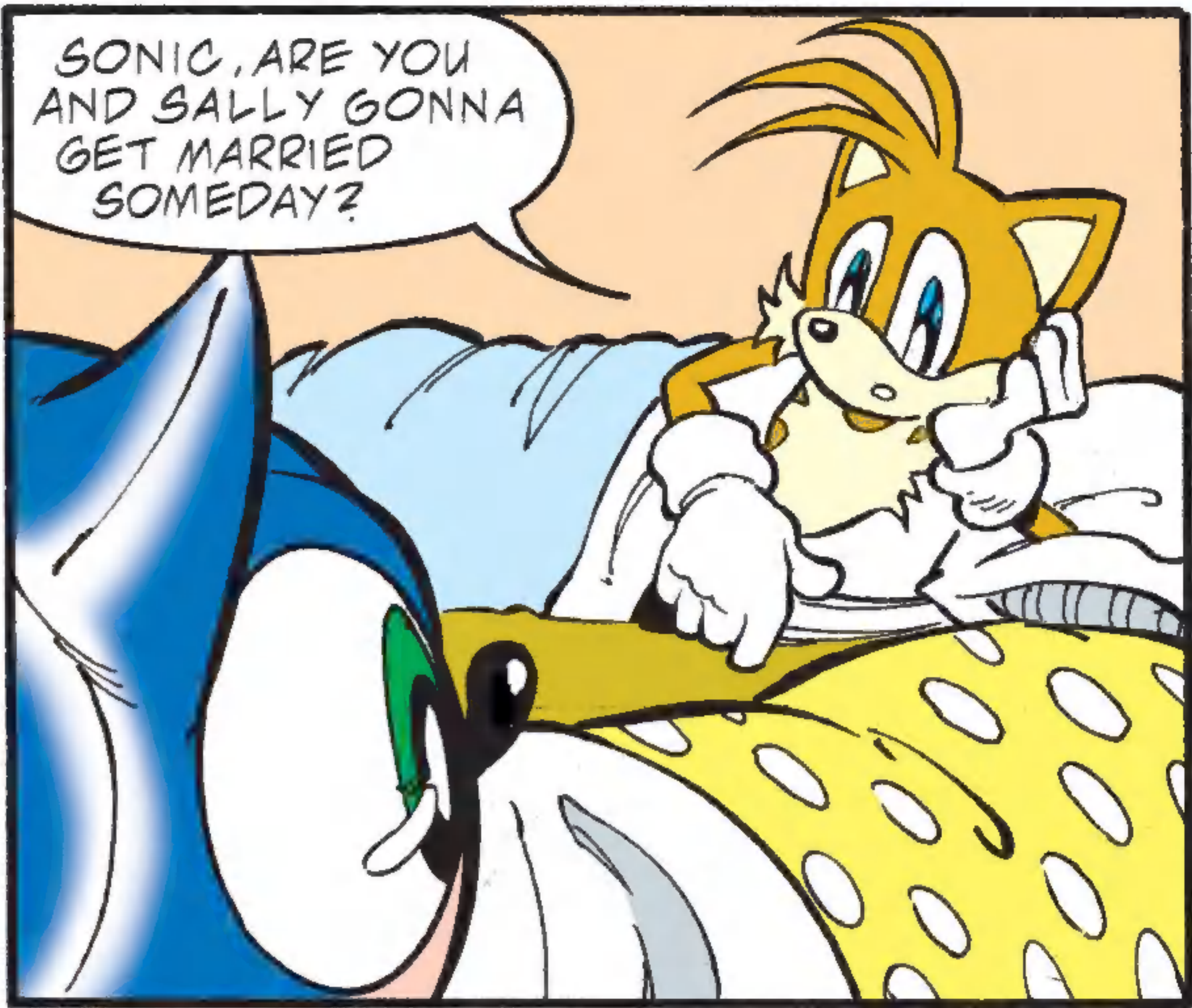


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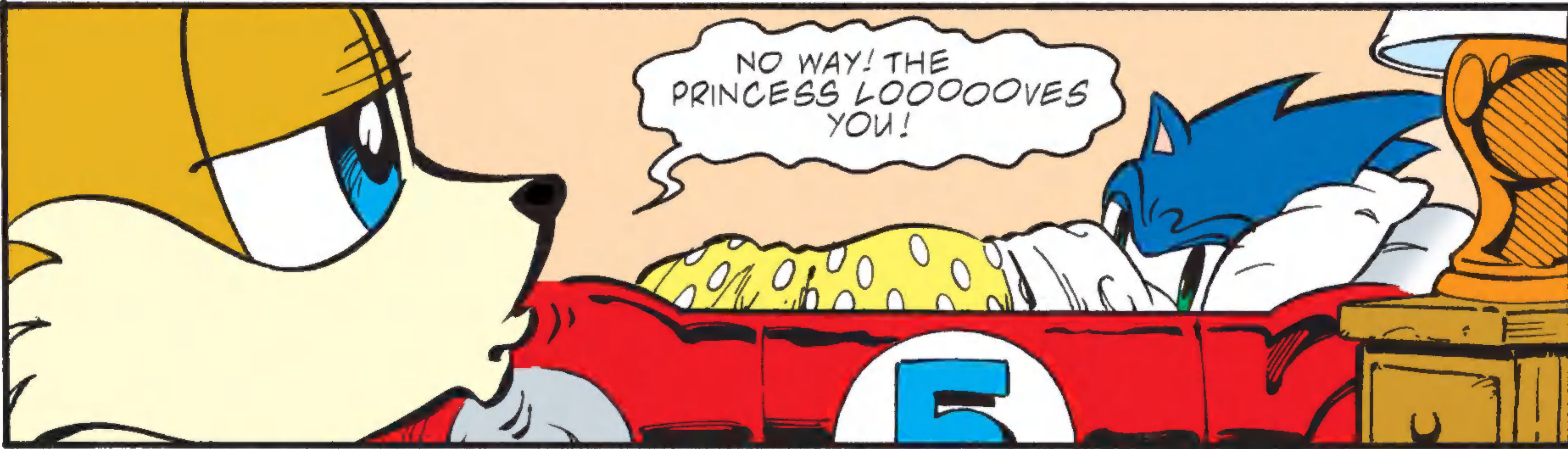
THAT NIGHT, ME 'N
TAILS COULDN'T
SLEEP A WINK.

PRE-SCHOOL
JITTERS, I
GUESS...

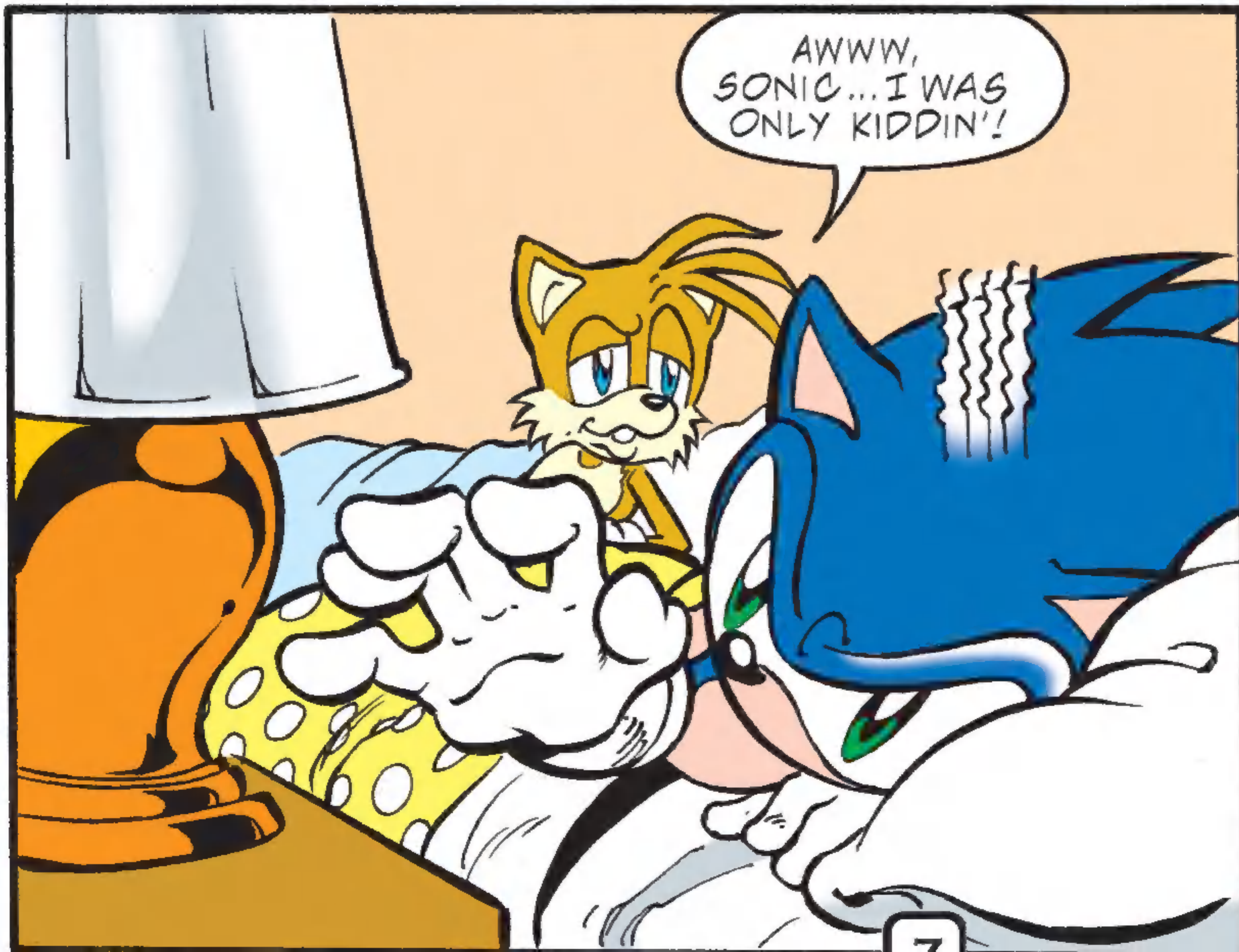


SONIC, ARE YOU
AND SALLY GONNA
GET MARRIED
SOMEDAY?

HAVEN'T REALLY
THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
'SIDES, WE'RE WAAAAAY
TOO YOUNG TO TIE THE
KNOT... AND SHE
PROBABLY HATES ME
ANYWAY...



NO WAY! THE
PRINCESS LOOOOOVES
YOU!



AWWW,
SONIC... I WAS
ONLY KIDDIN'!

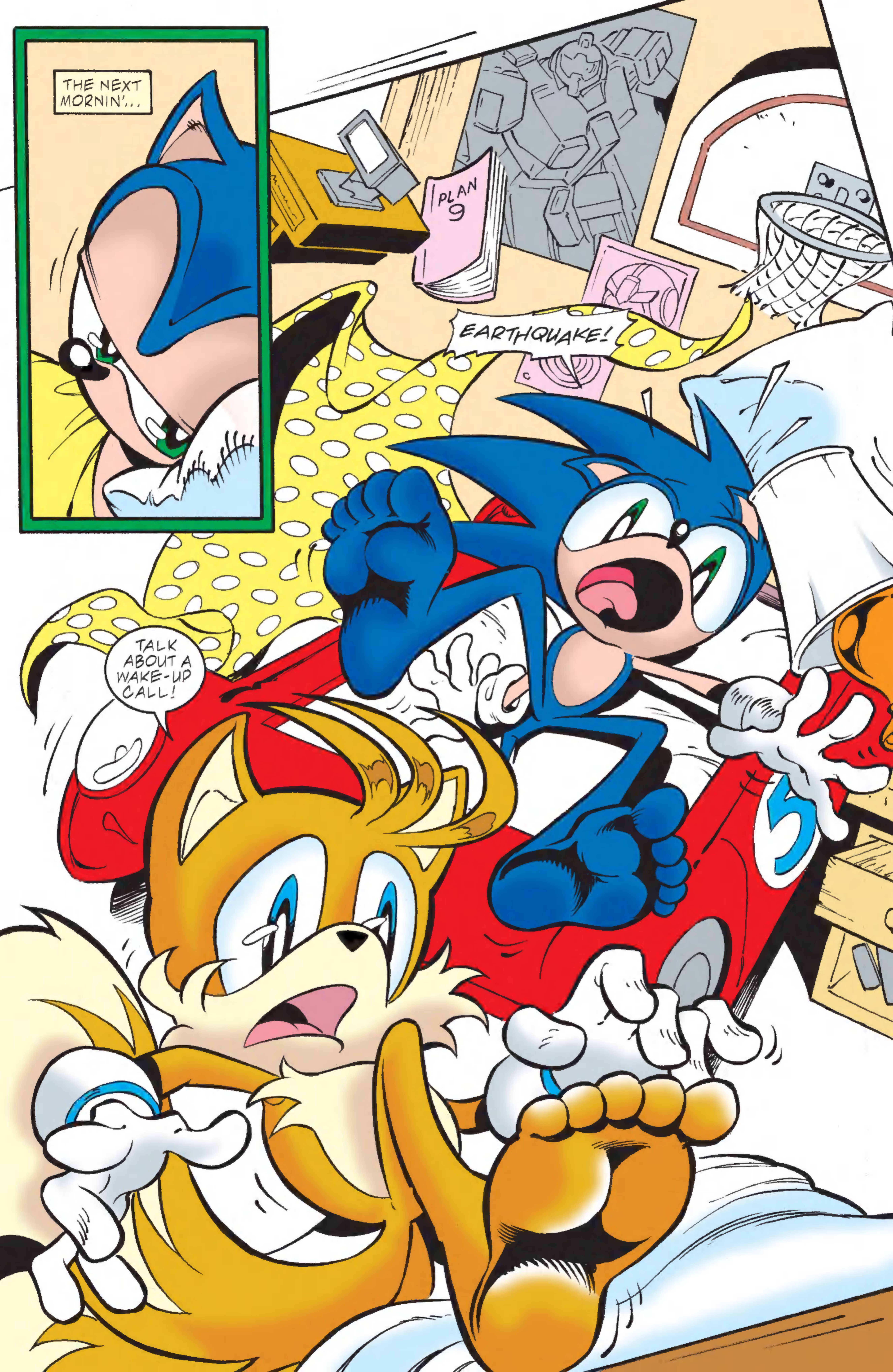


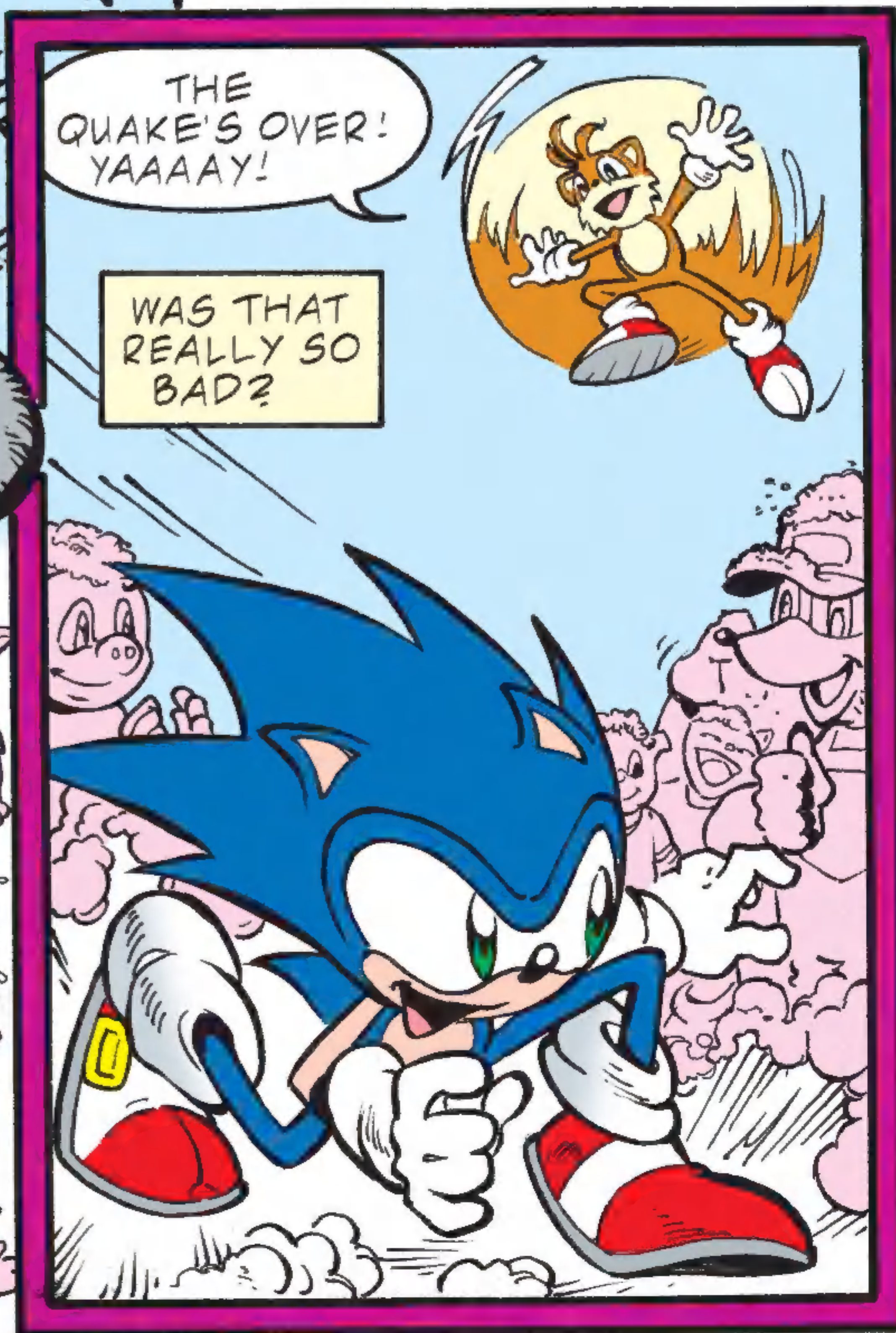
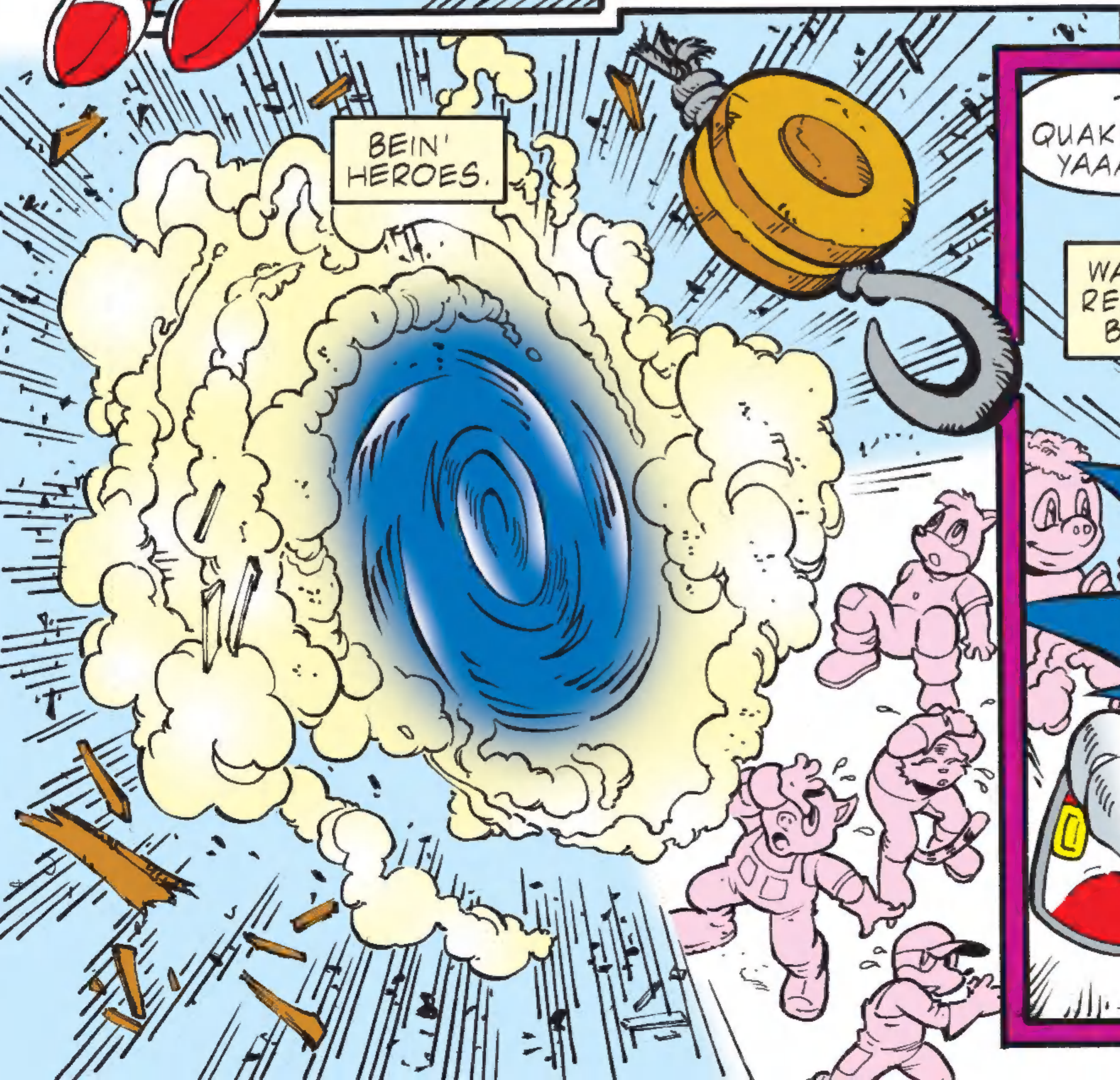
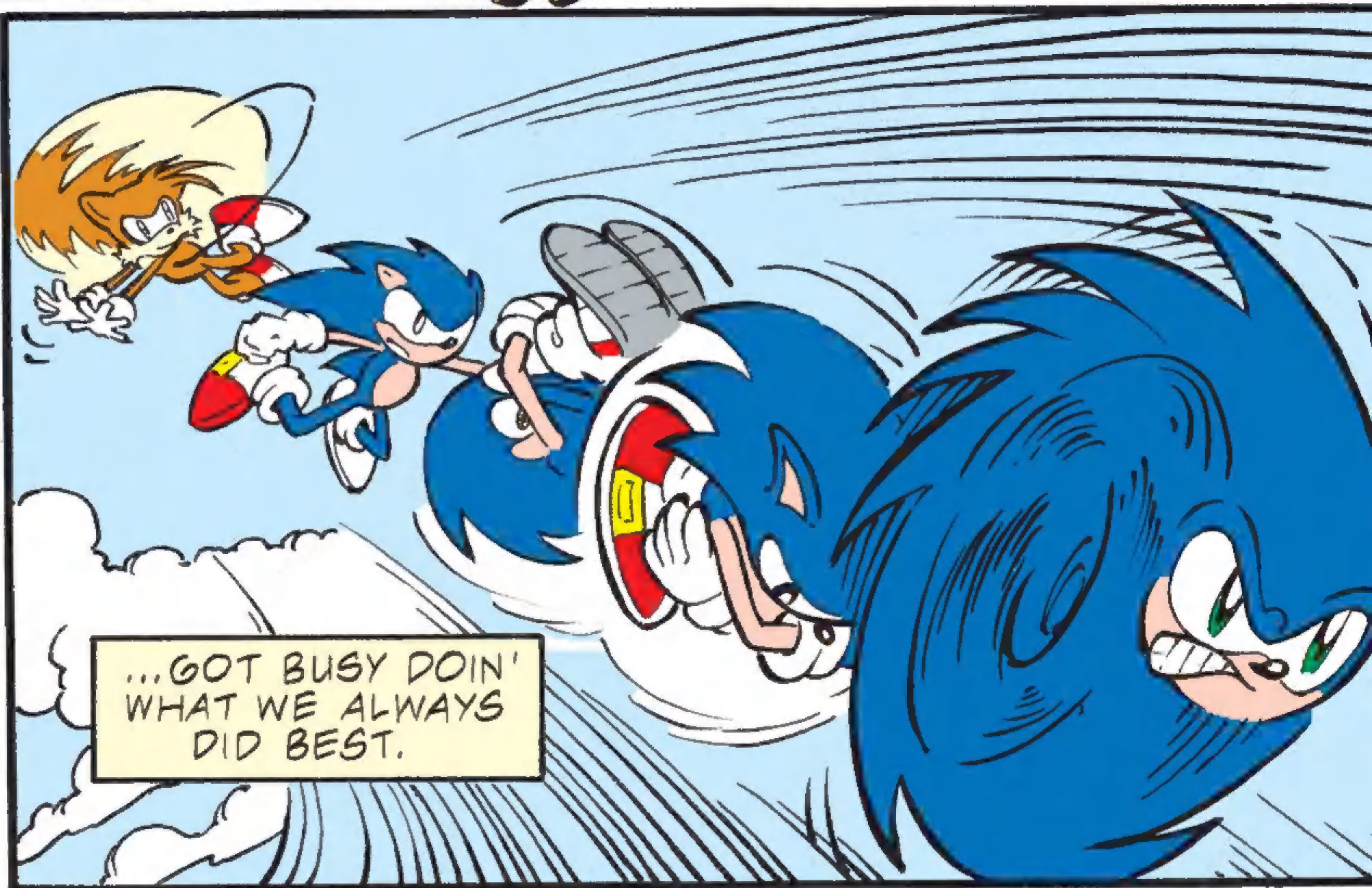
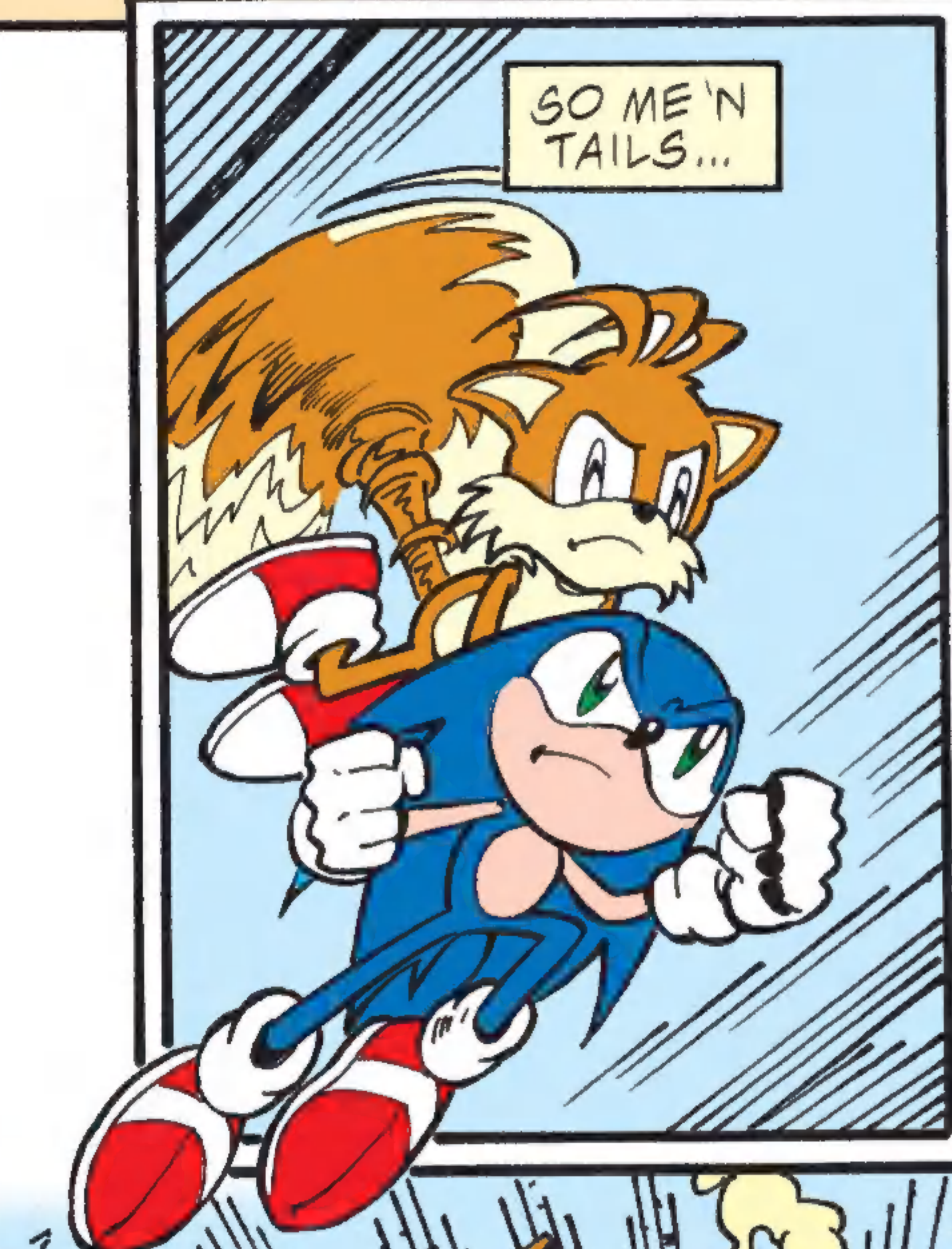
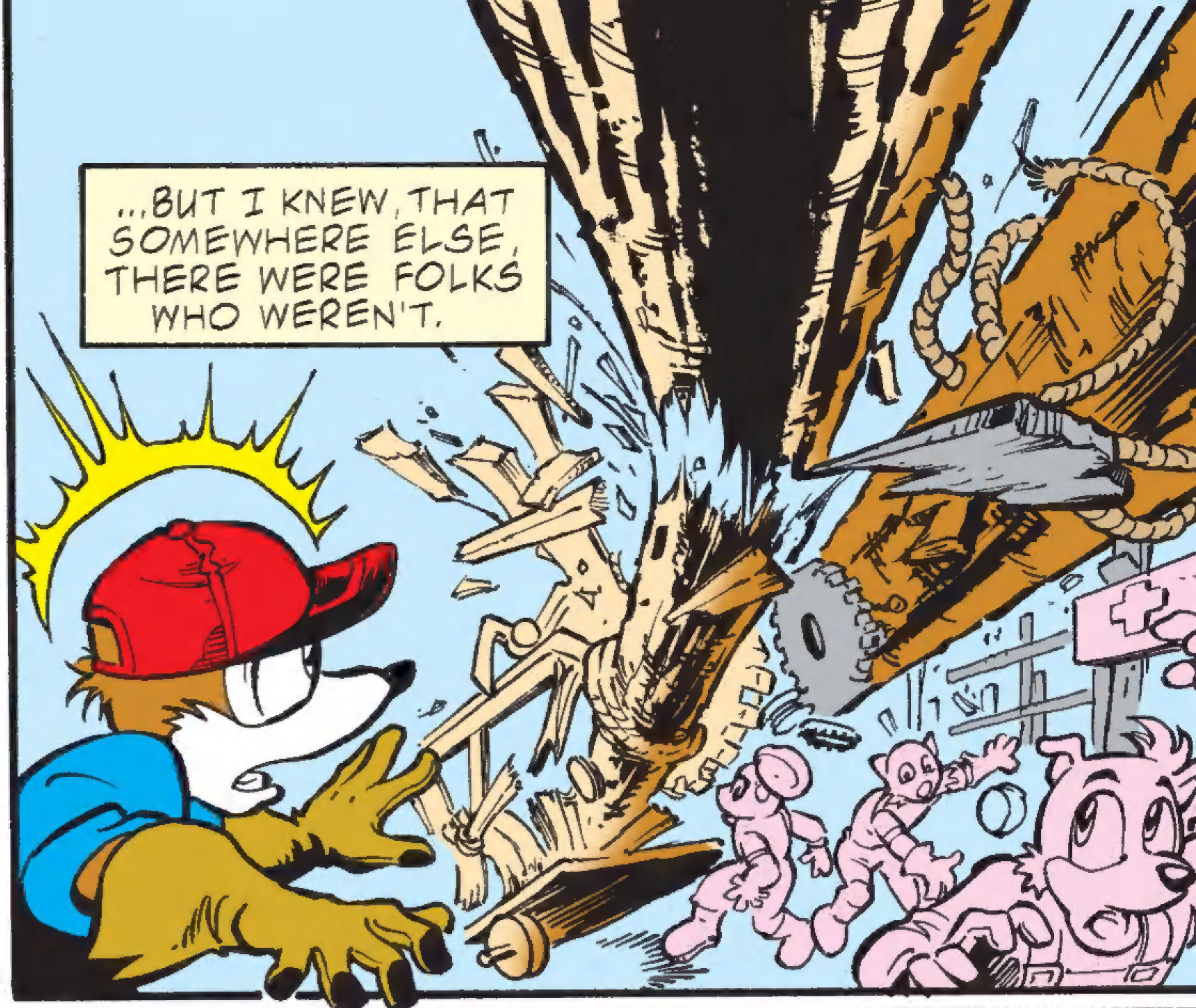
G'NIGHT,
BUD.

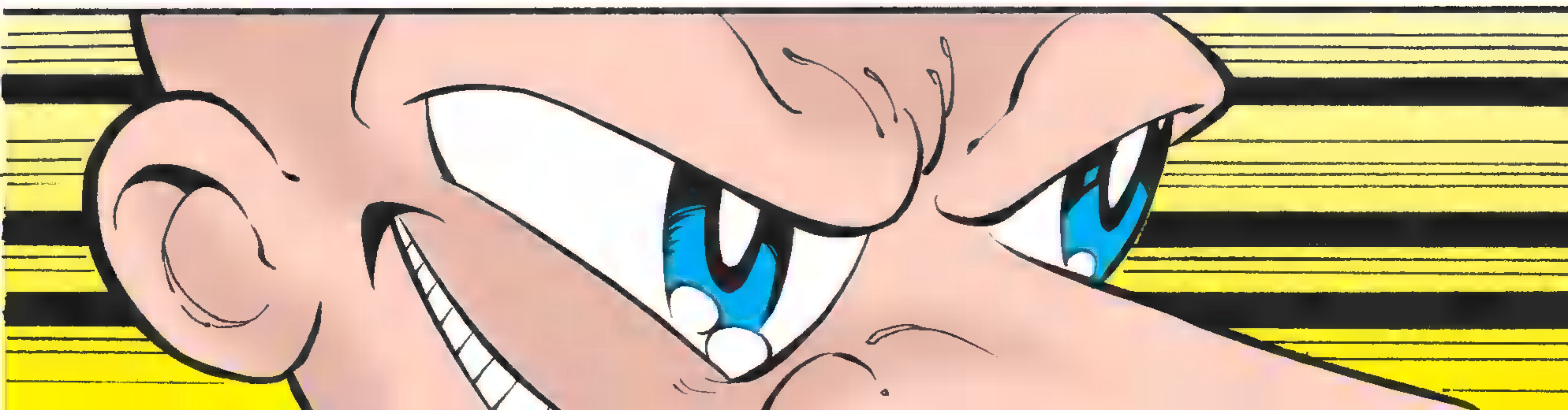
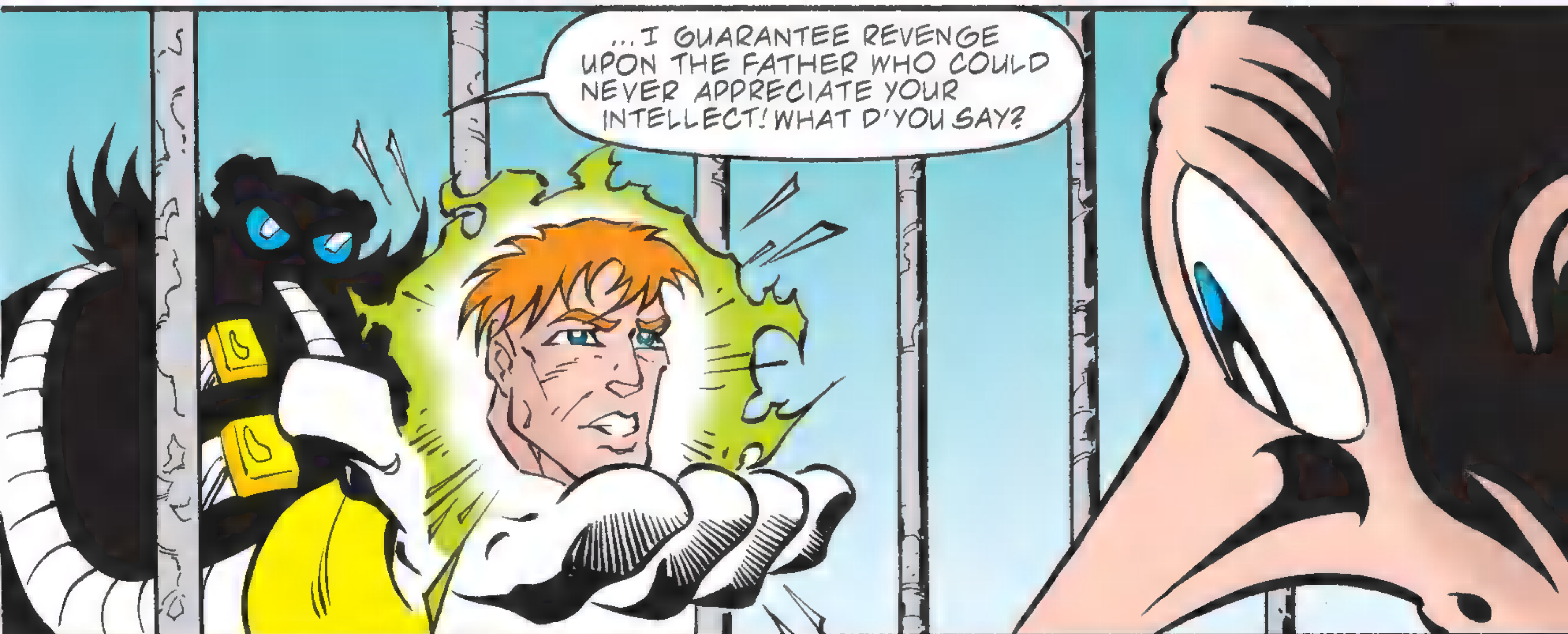
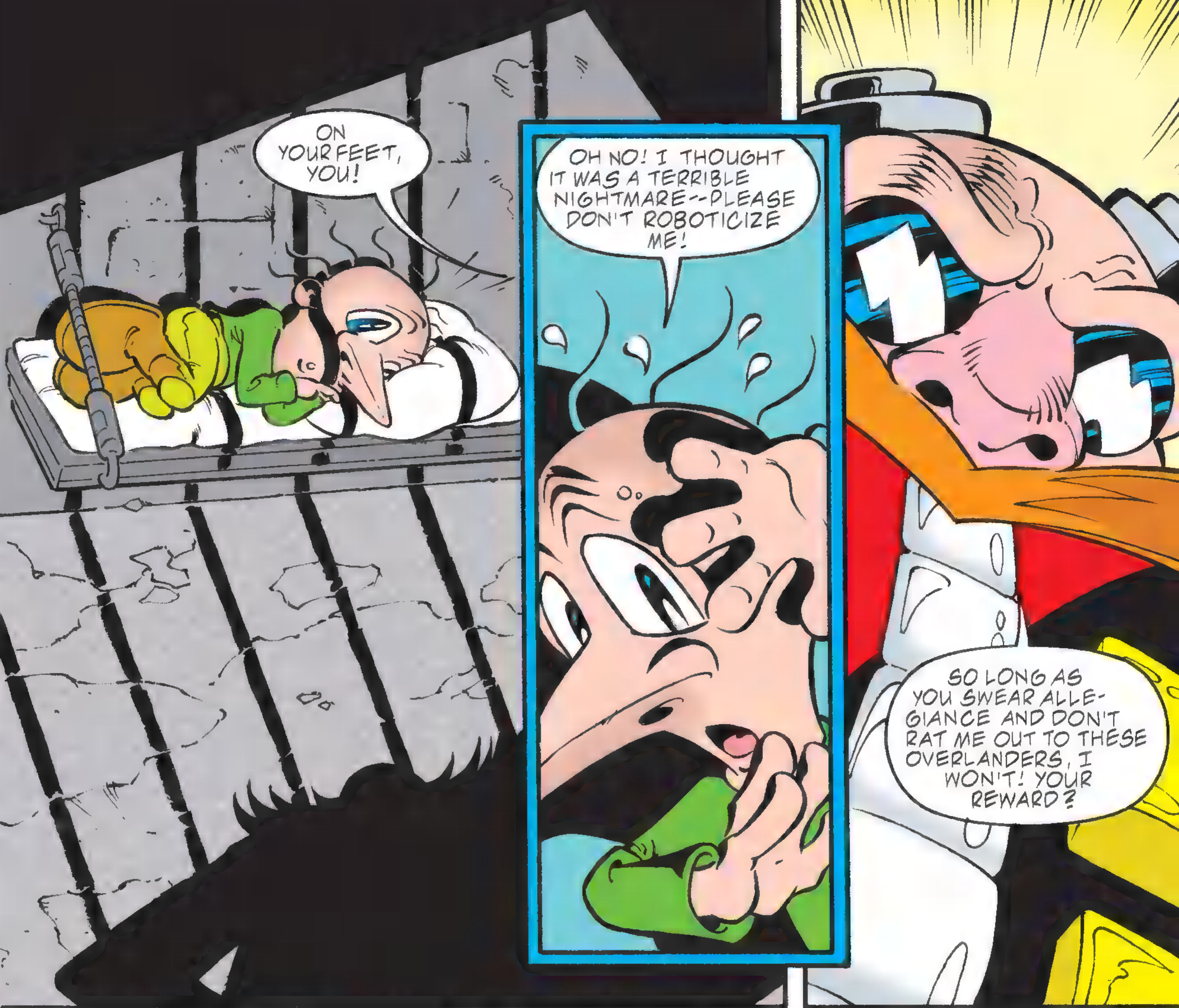
THE NEXT
MORNIN'...

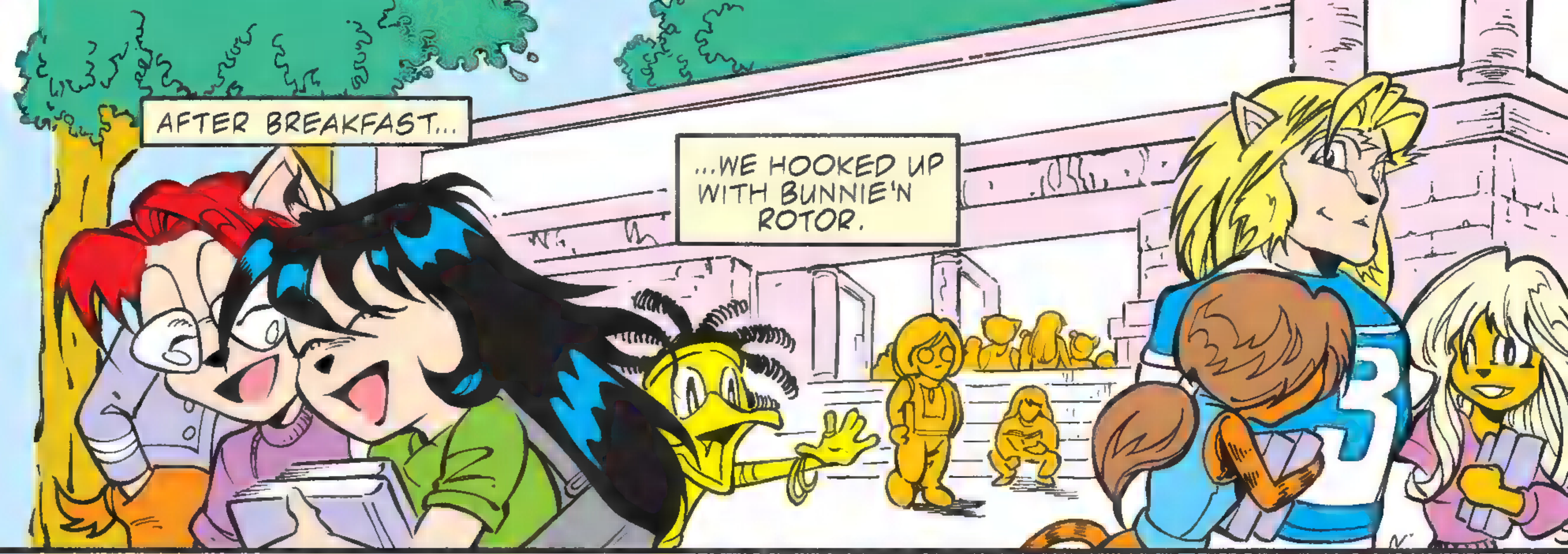
EARTHQUAKE!

TALK
ABOUT A
WAKE-UP
CALL!









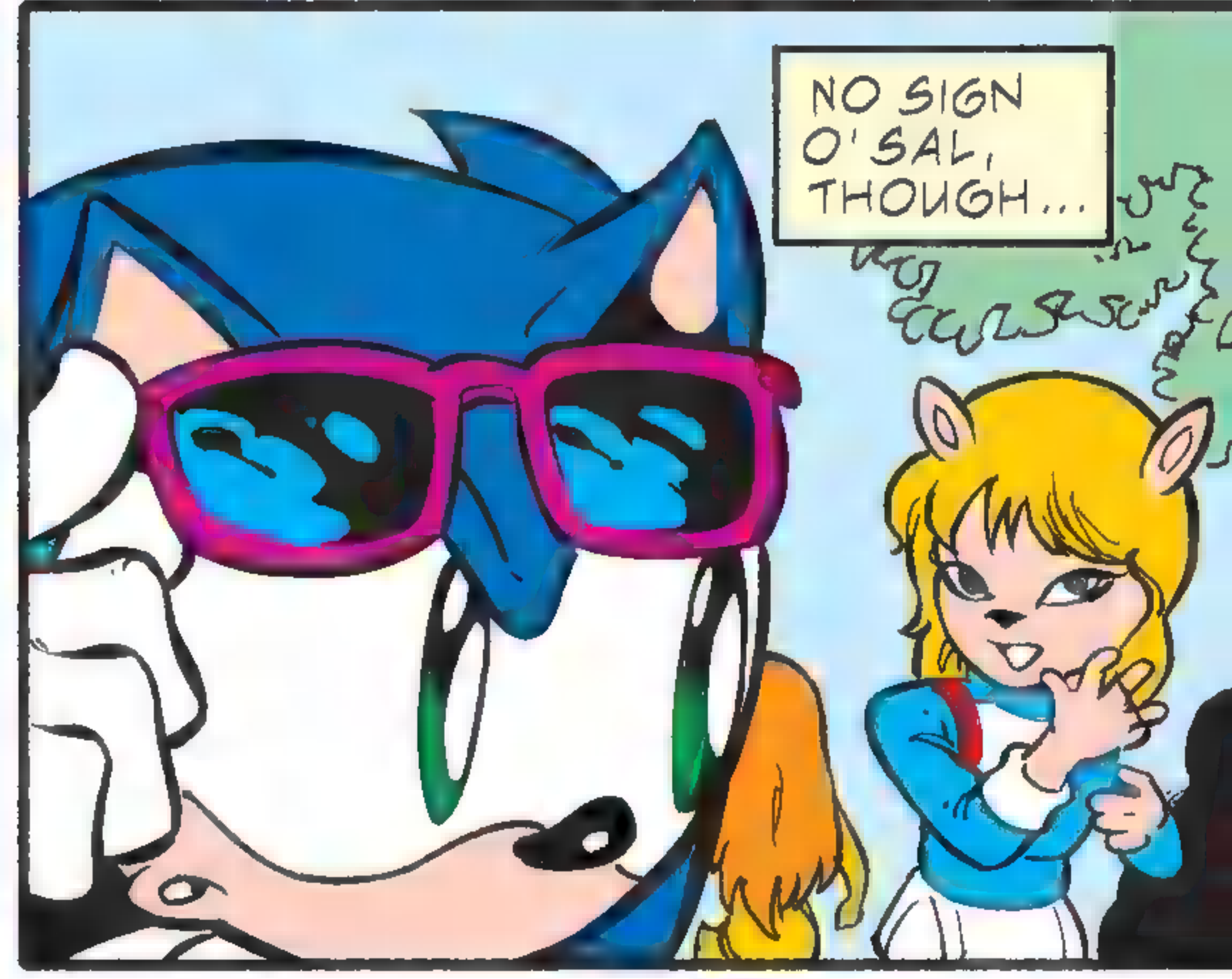
AFTER BREAKFAST...

...WE HOOKED UP WITH BUNNIE'N ROTOR.



WE'RE, LIKE, SO DIGGIN' THE NEW DO, HOMEGIRL!

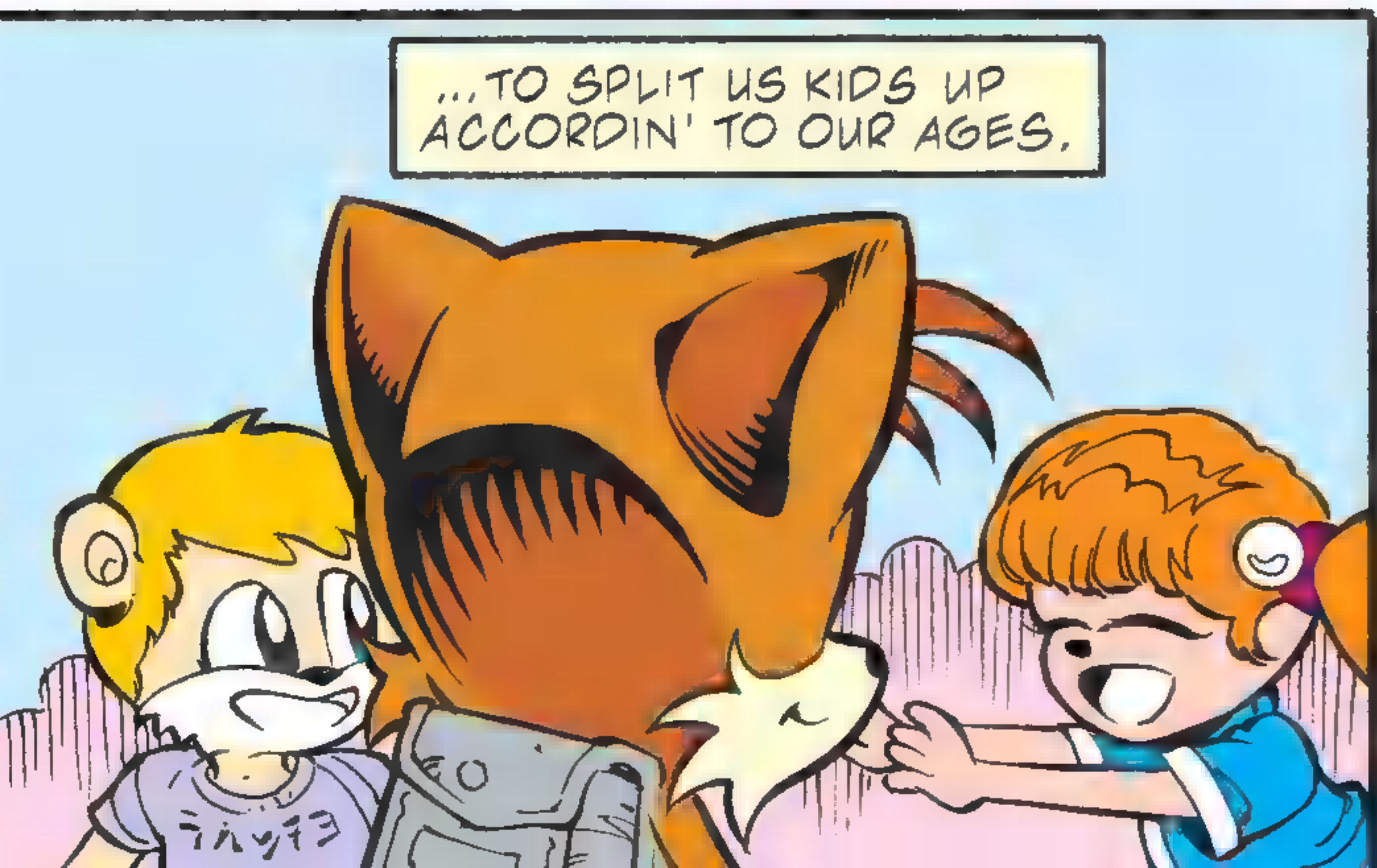
THANKS Y'ALL!



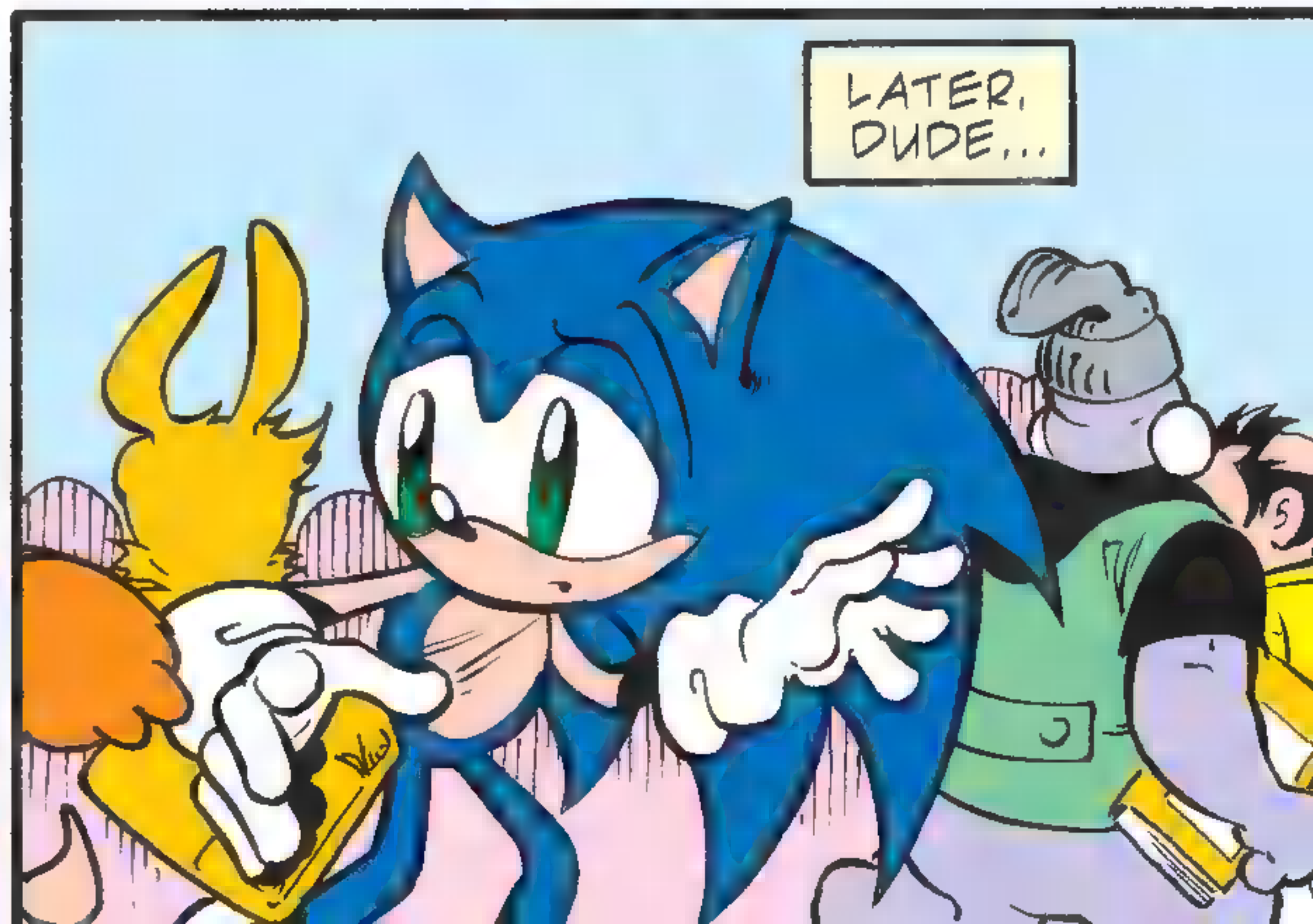
NO SIGN O' SAL, THOUGH...



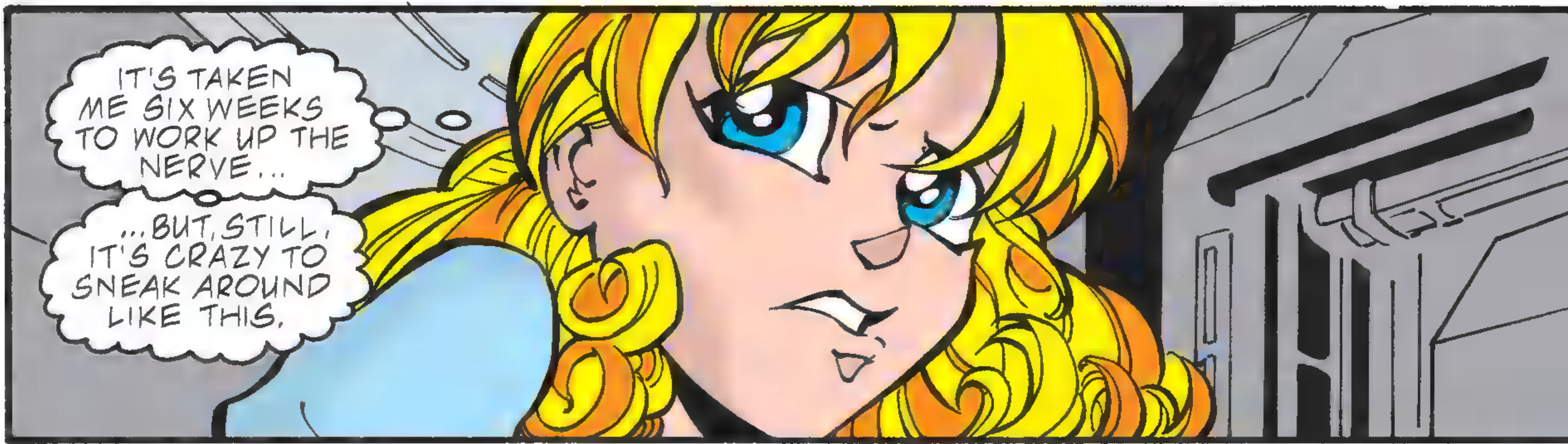
...AND BEFORE I COULD FIND OUT WHY NOT, THE PRINCIPAL SHOWED UP...



...TO SPLIT US KIDS UP ACCORDIN' TO OUR AGES.

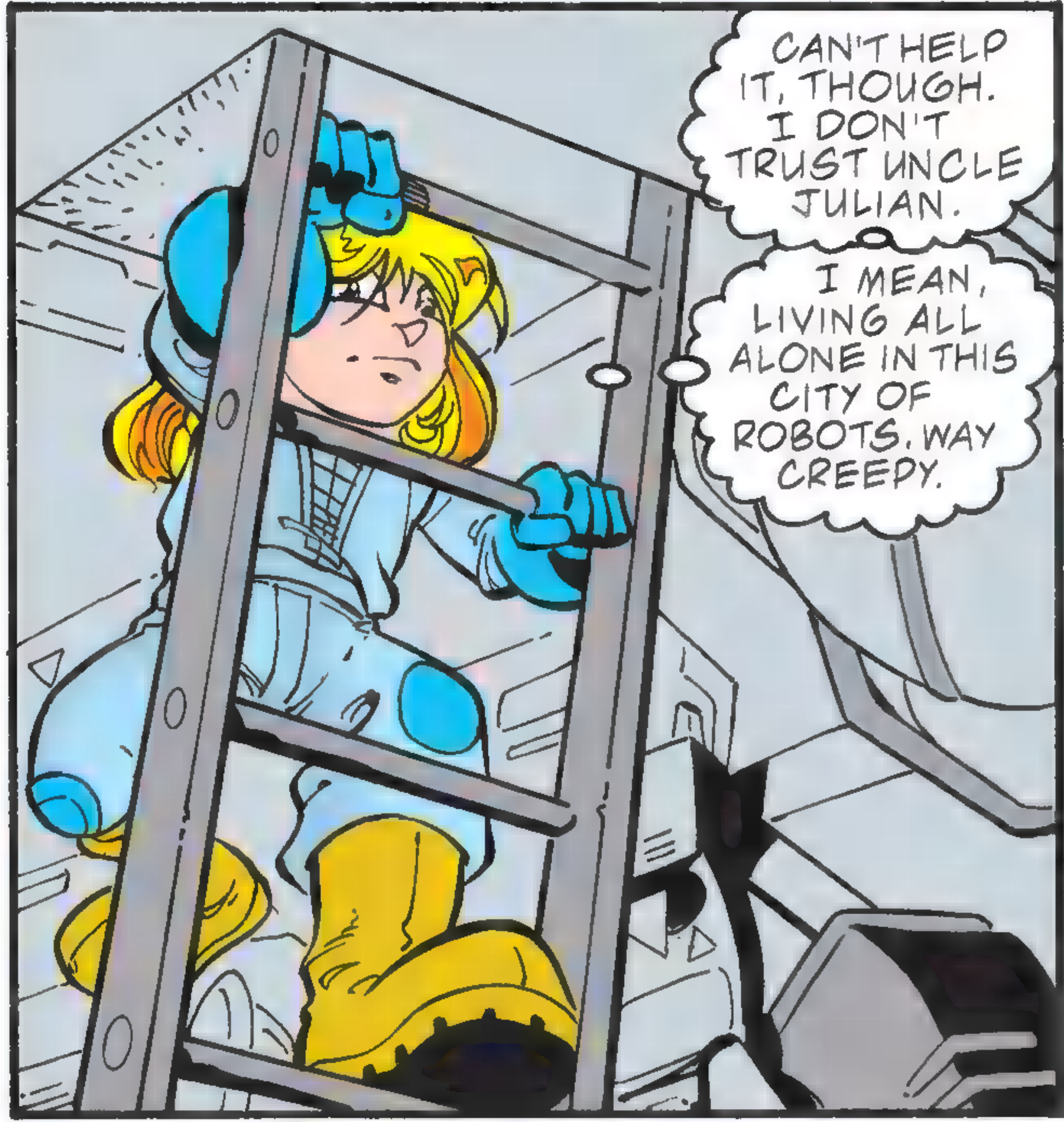


LATER, DUDE...



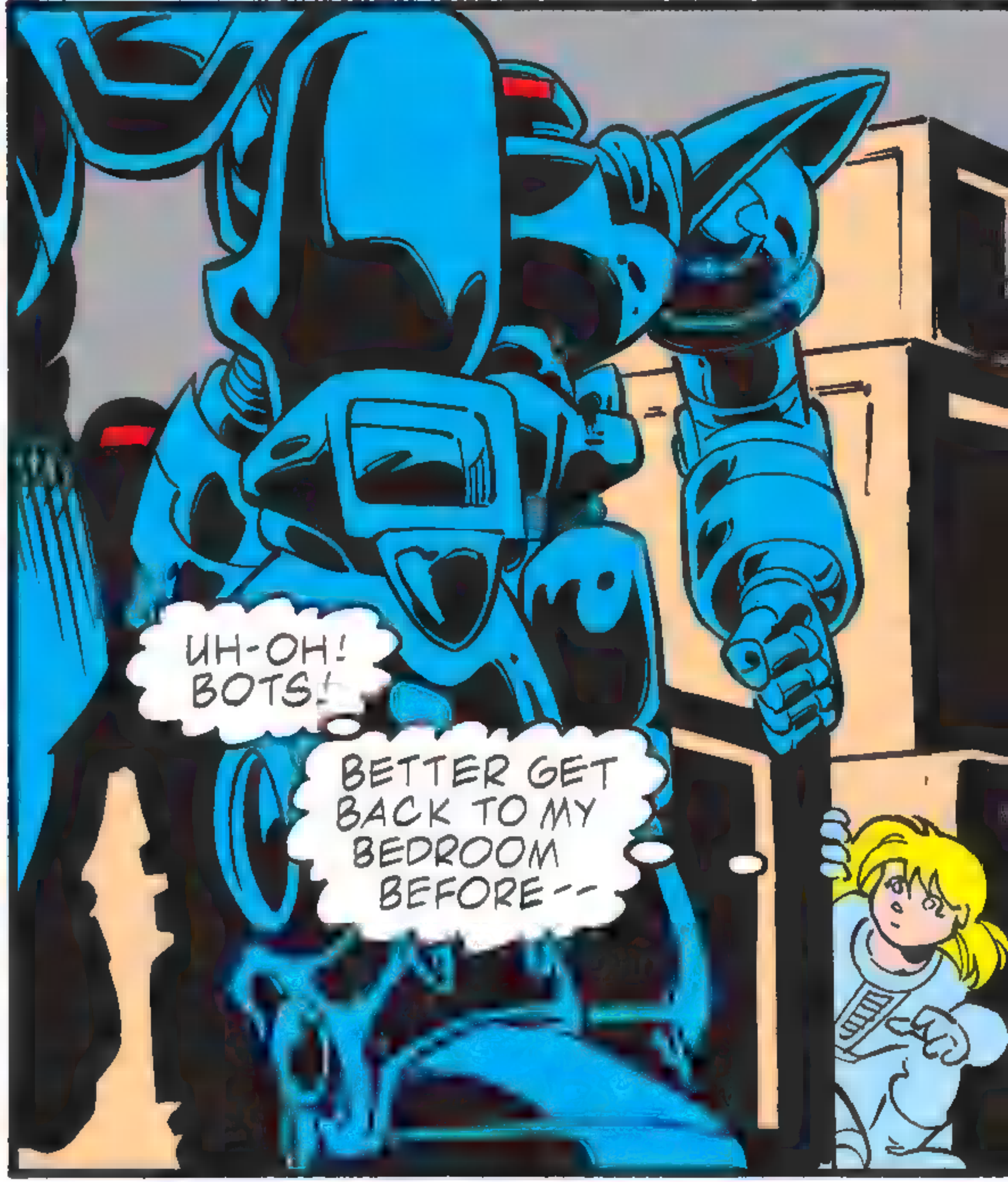
IT'S TAKEN
ME SIX WEEKS
TO WORK UP THE
NERVE...

...BUT, STILL,
IT'S CRAZY TO
SNEAK AROUND
LIKE THIS.



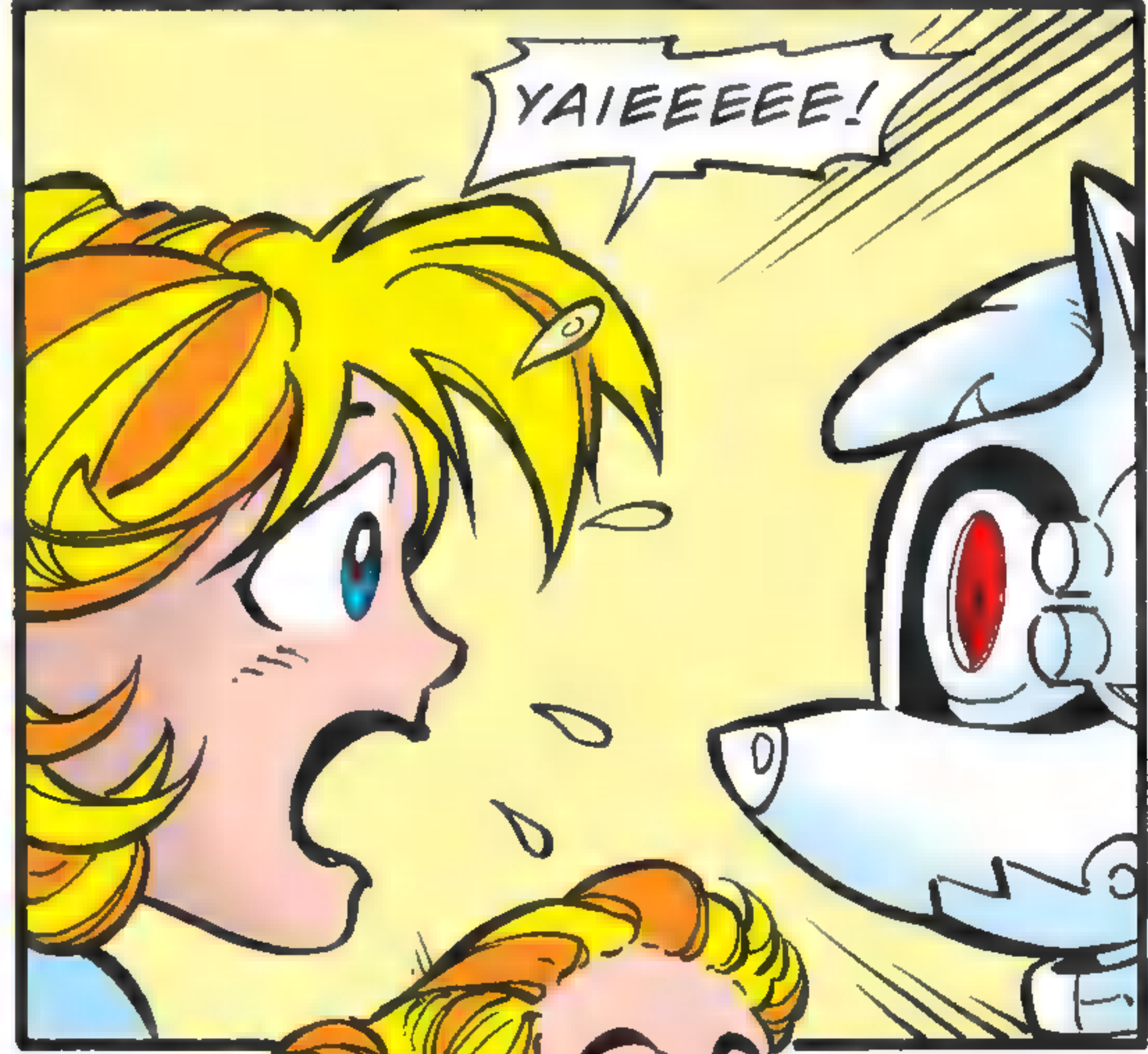
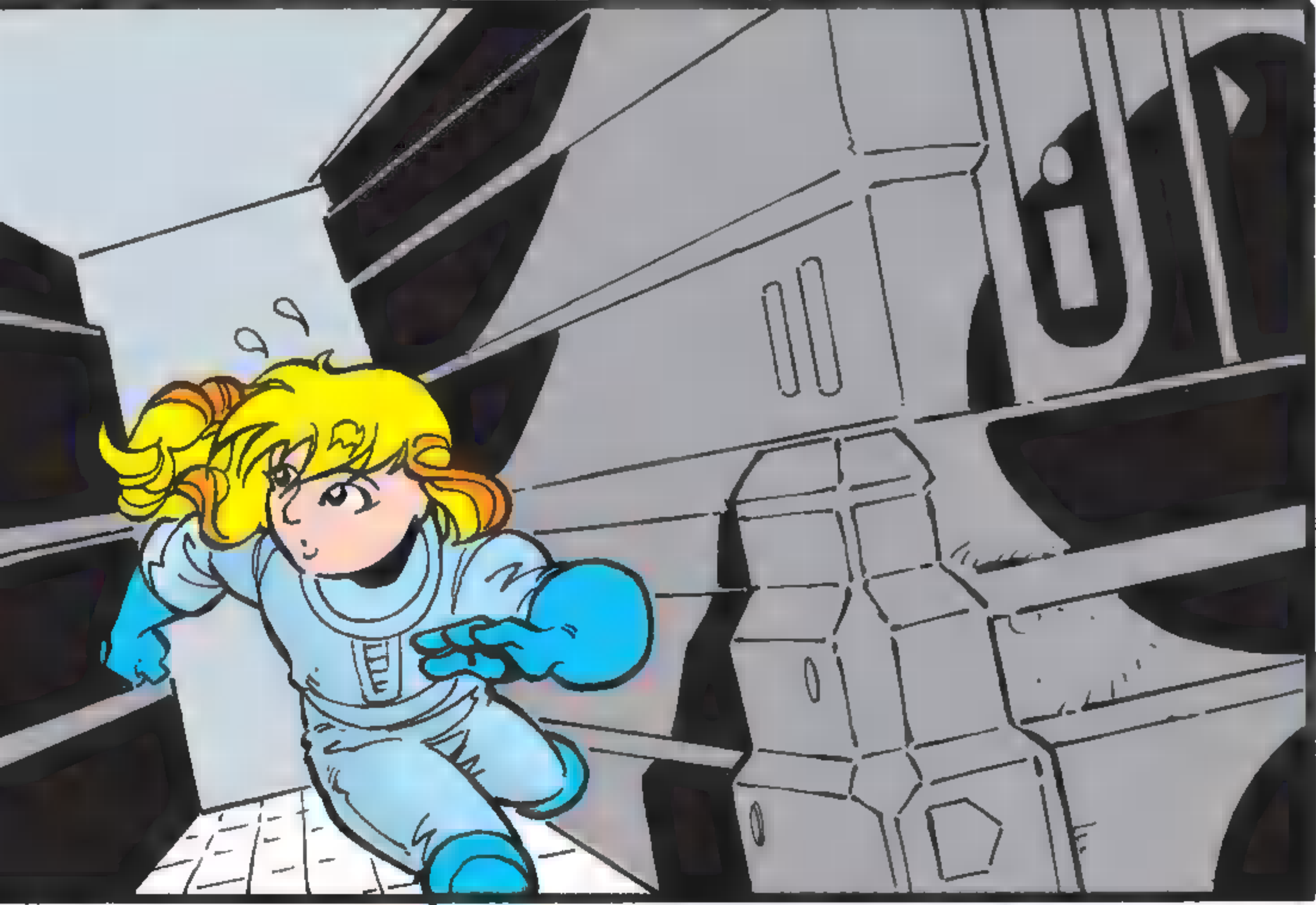
CAN'T HELP
IT, THOUGH.
I DON'T
TRUST UNCLE
JULIAN.

I MEAN,
LIVING ALL
ALONE IN THIS
CITY OF
ROBOTS. WAY
CREEPY.

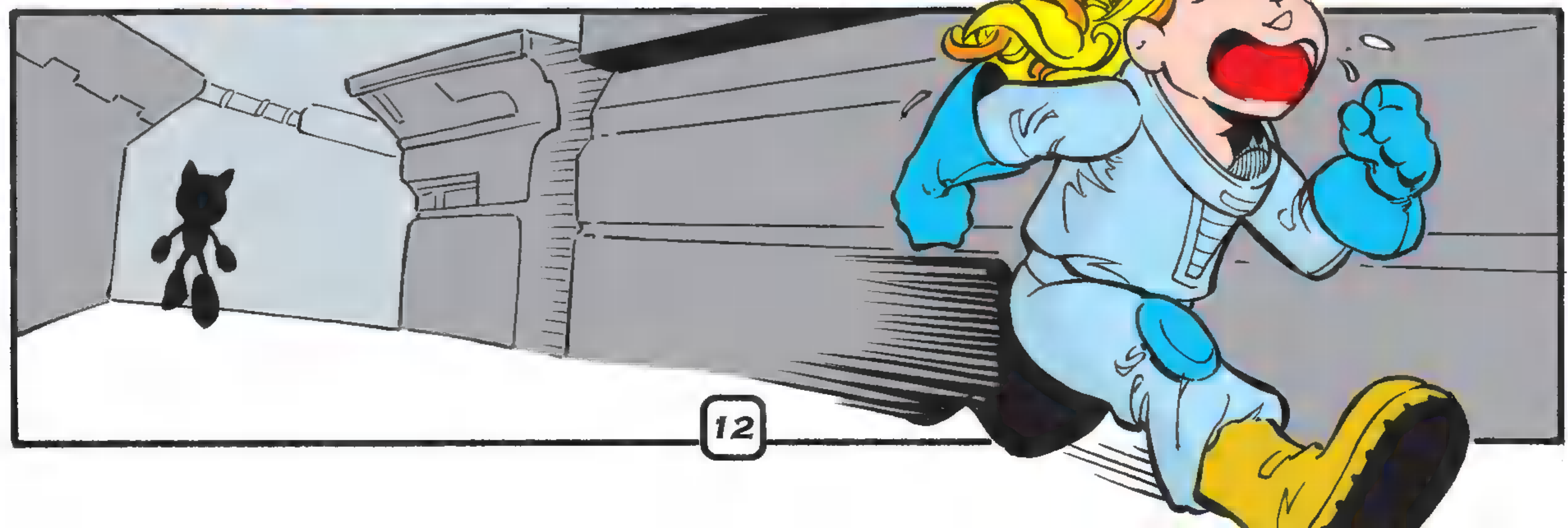


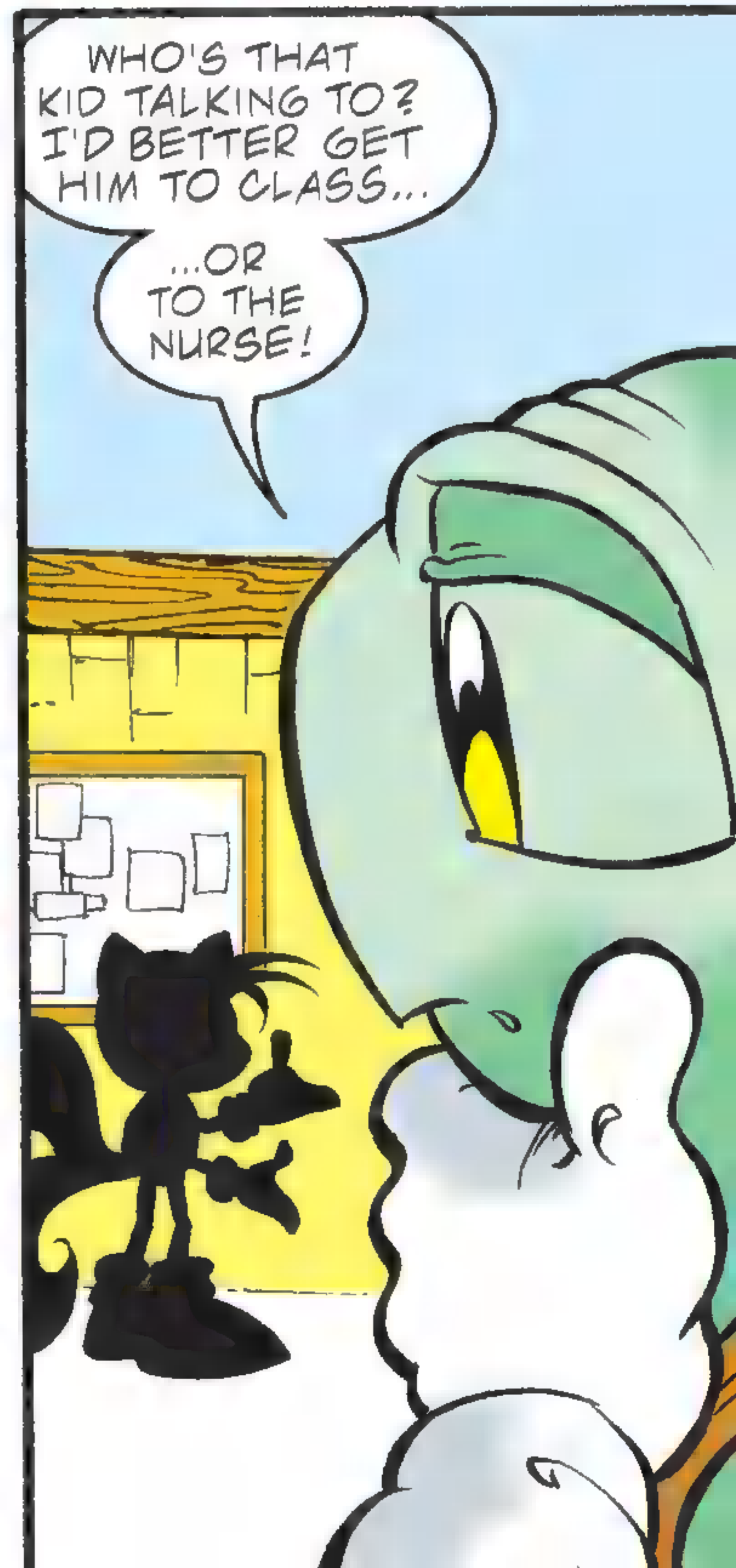
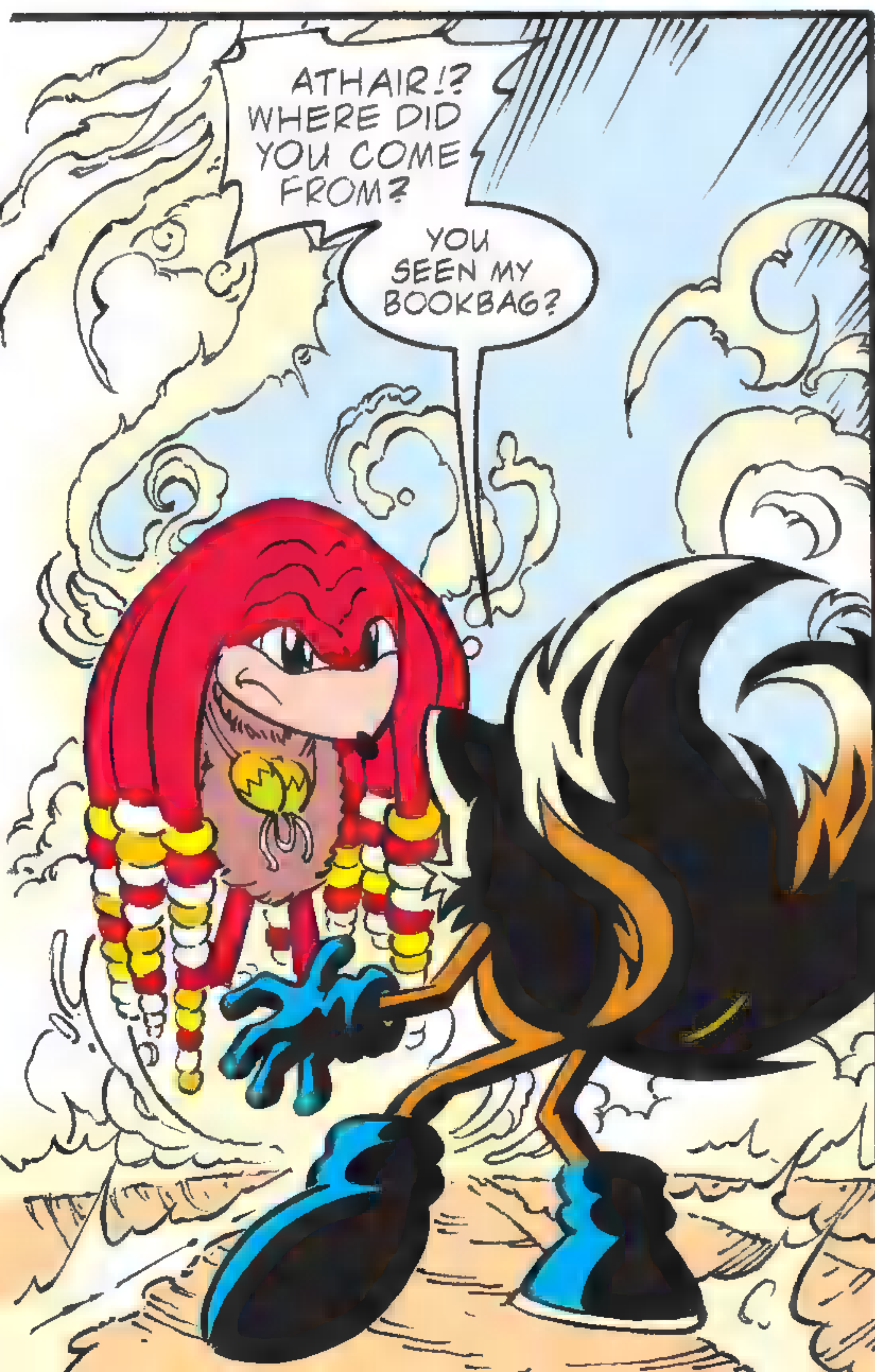
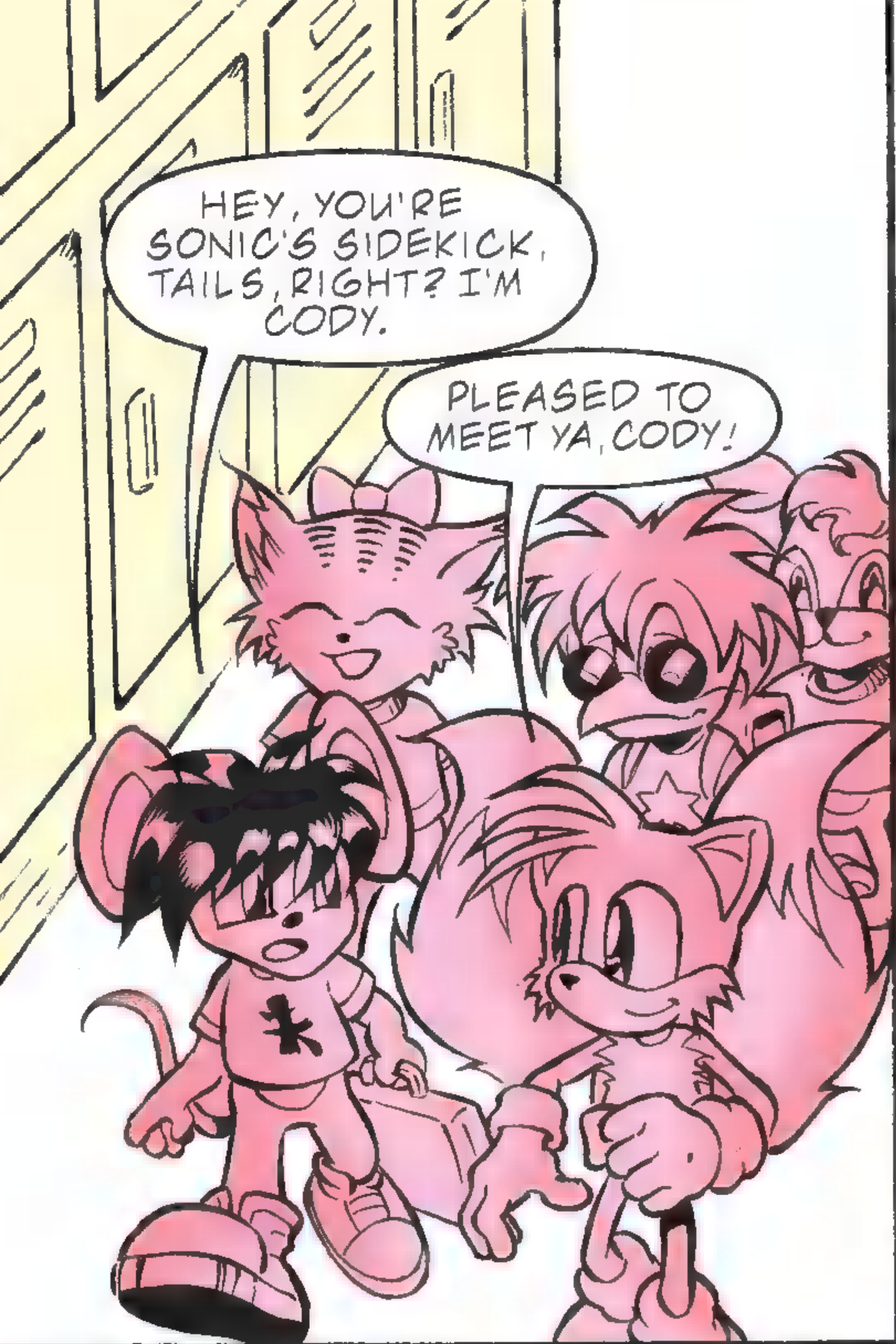
UH-OH!
BOTS!

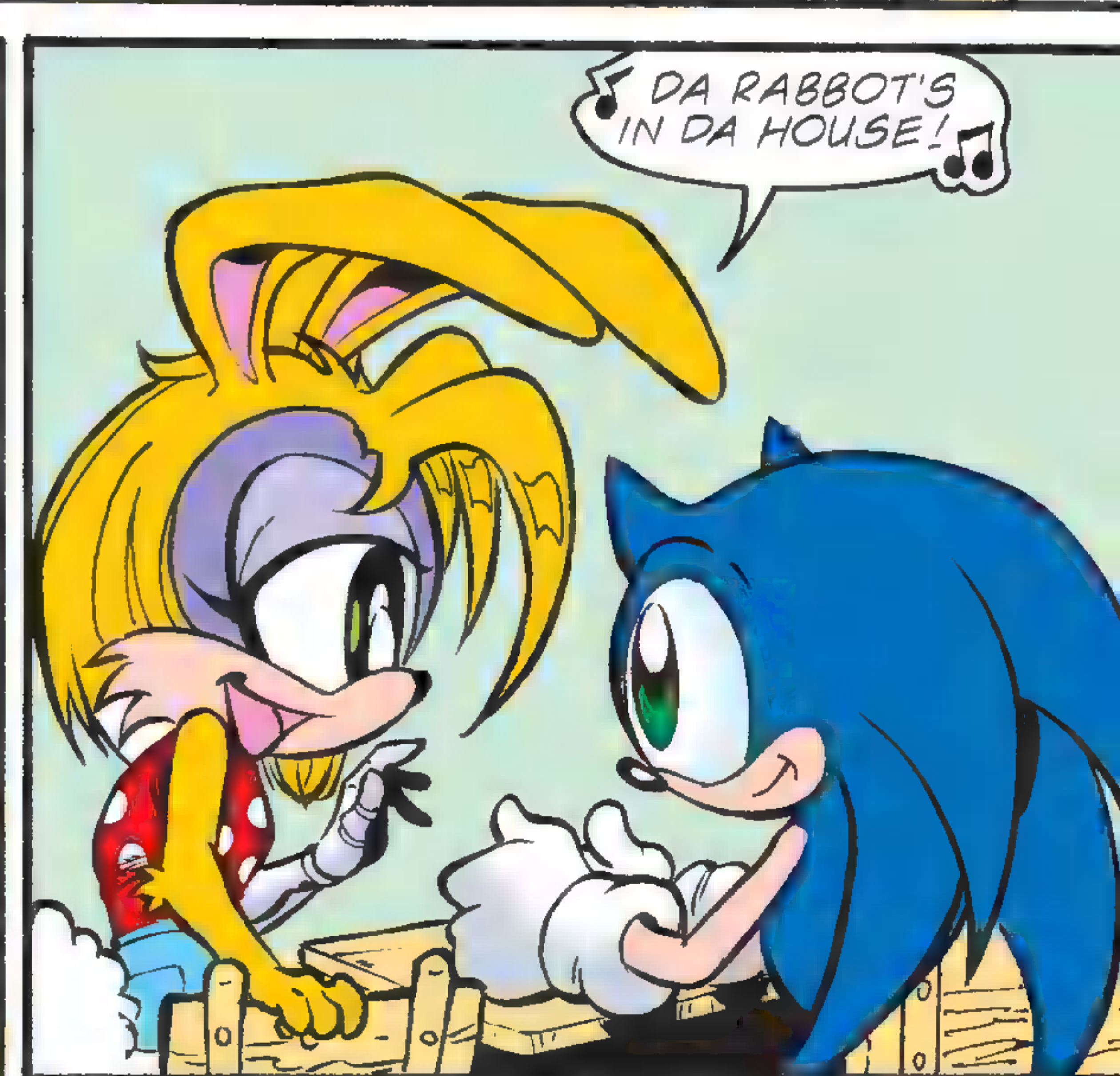
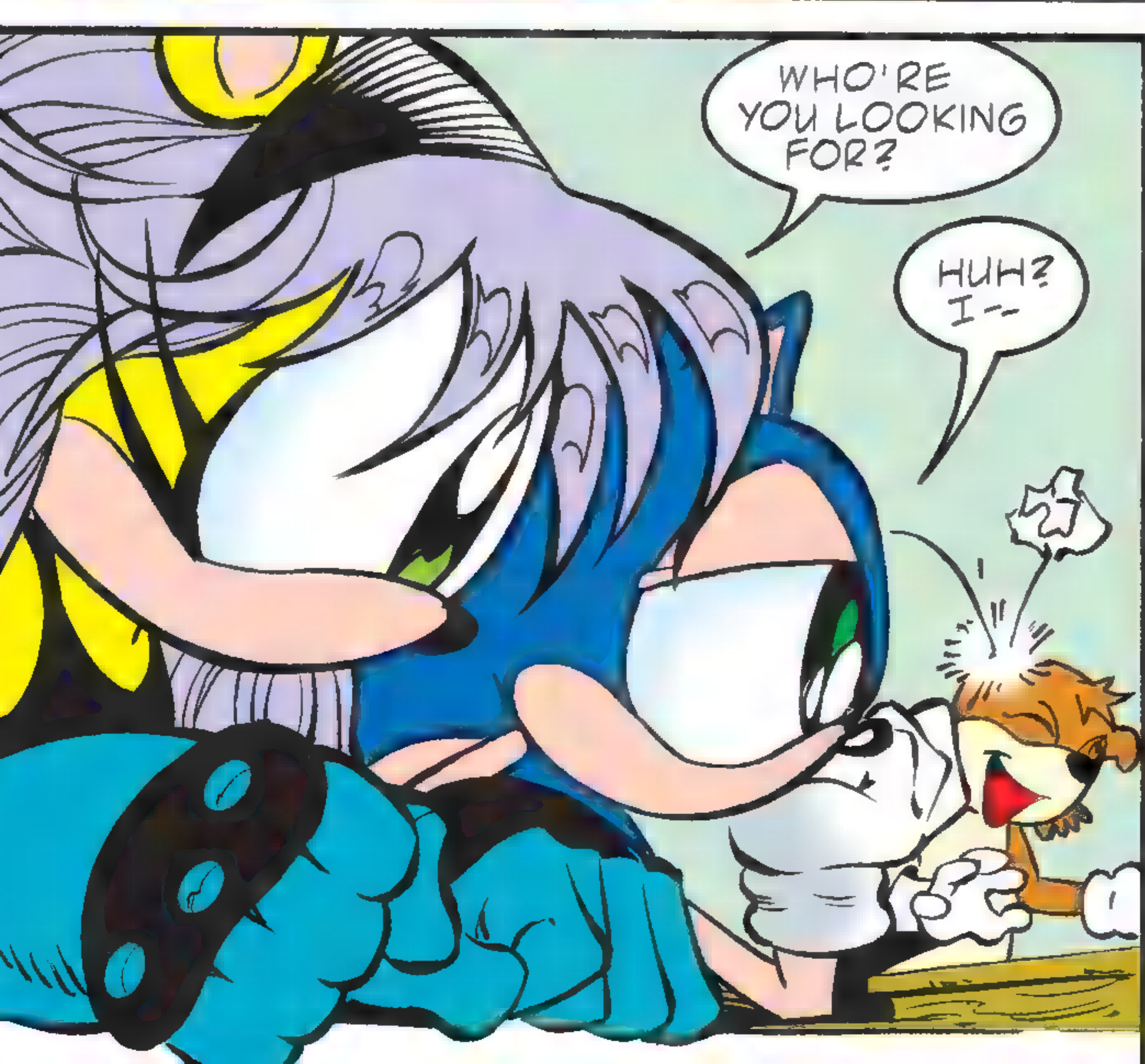
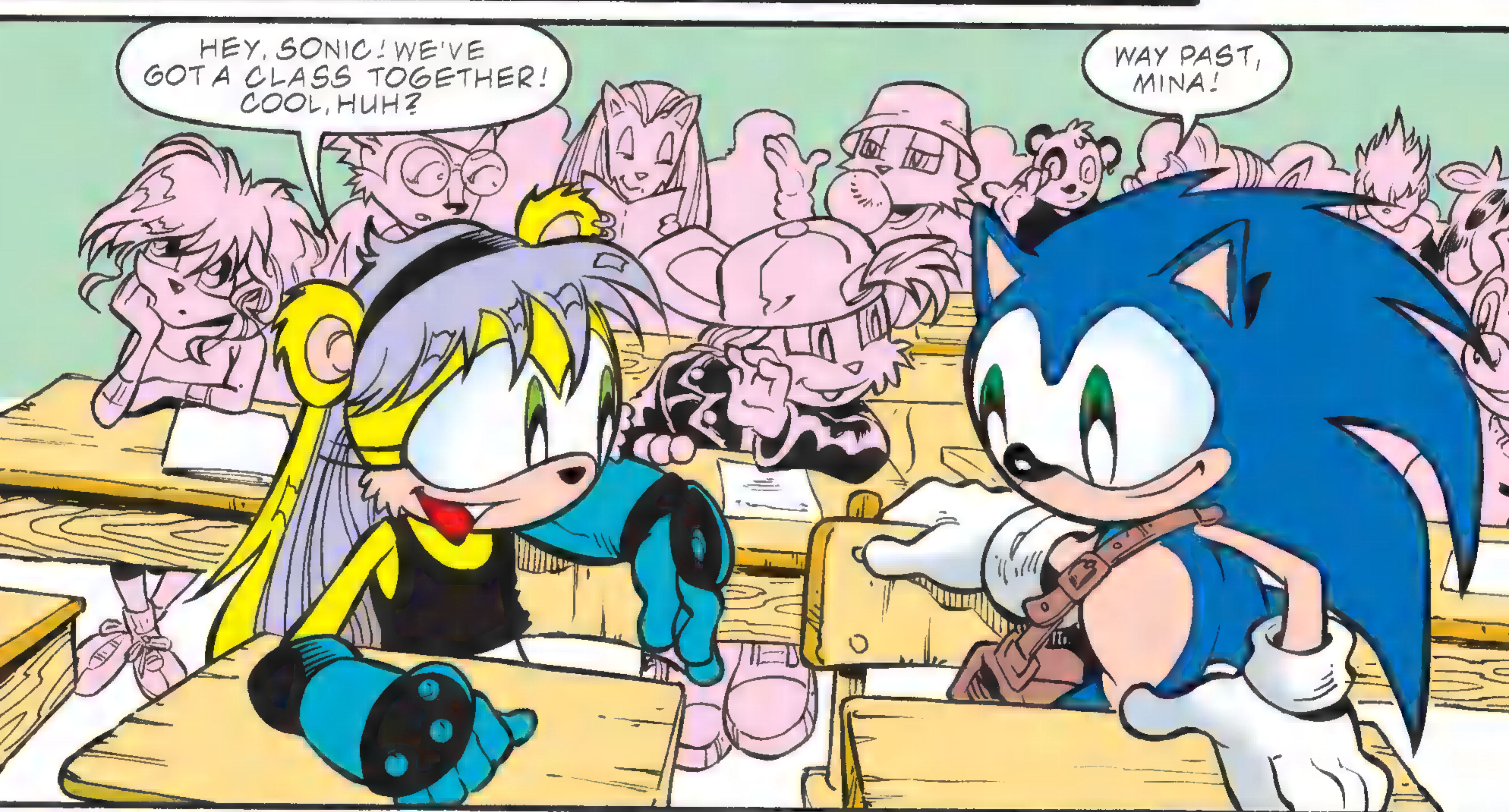
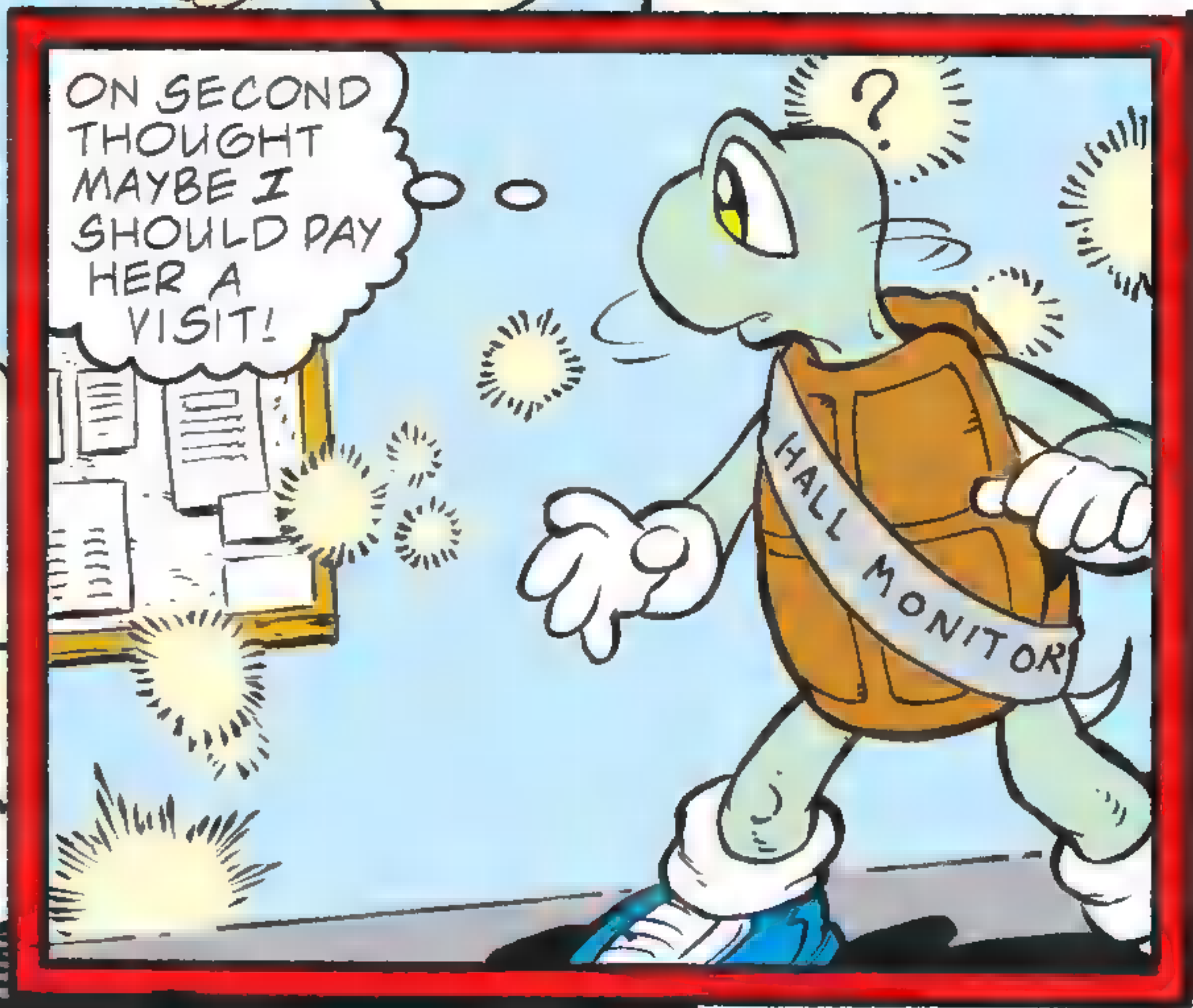
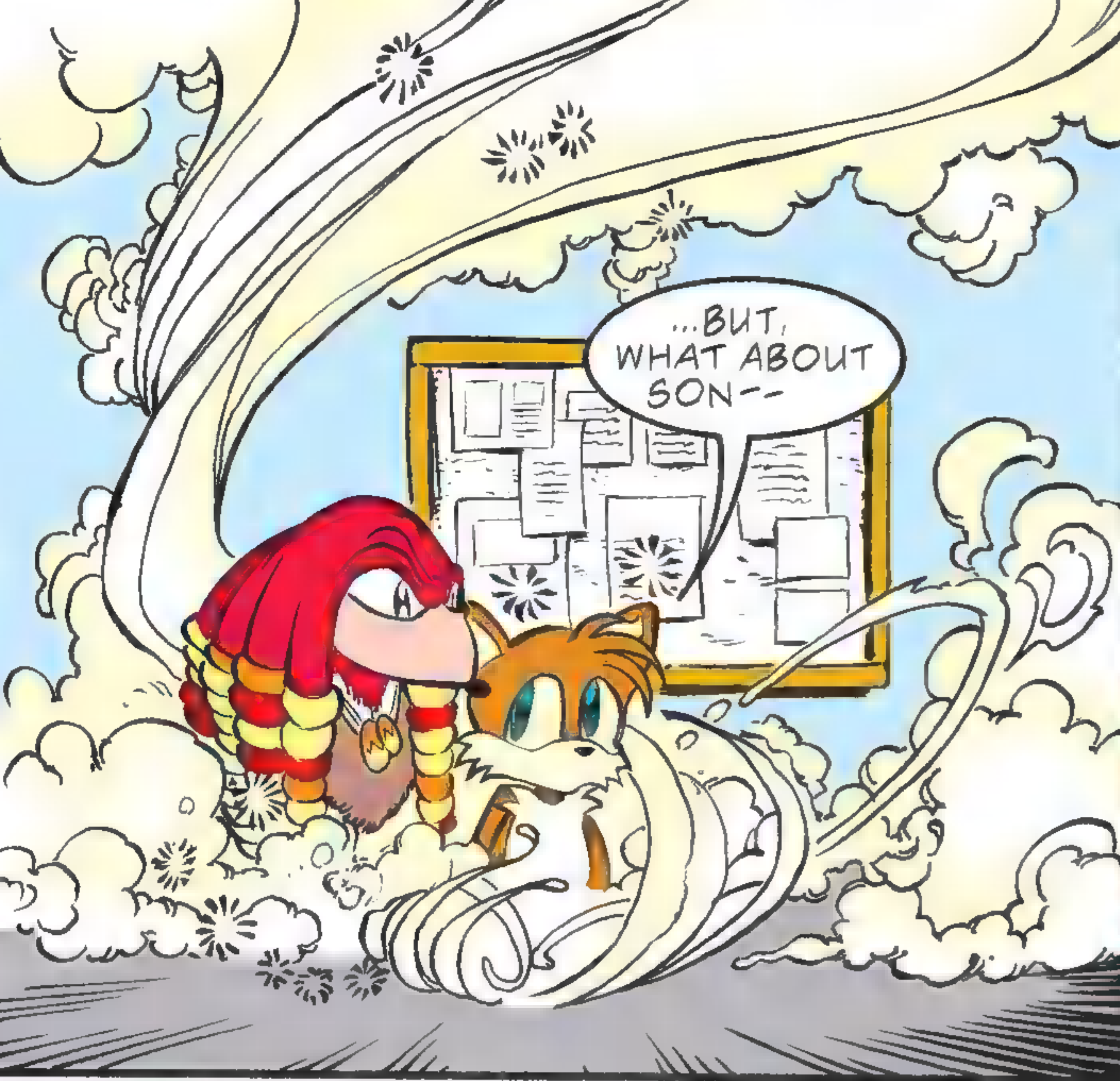
BETTER GET
BACK TO MY
BEDROOM
BEFORE--

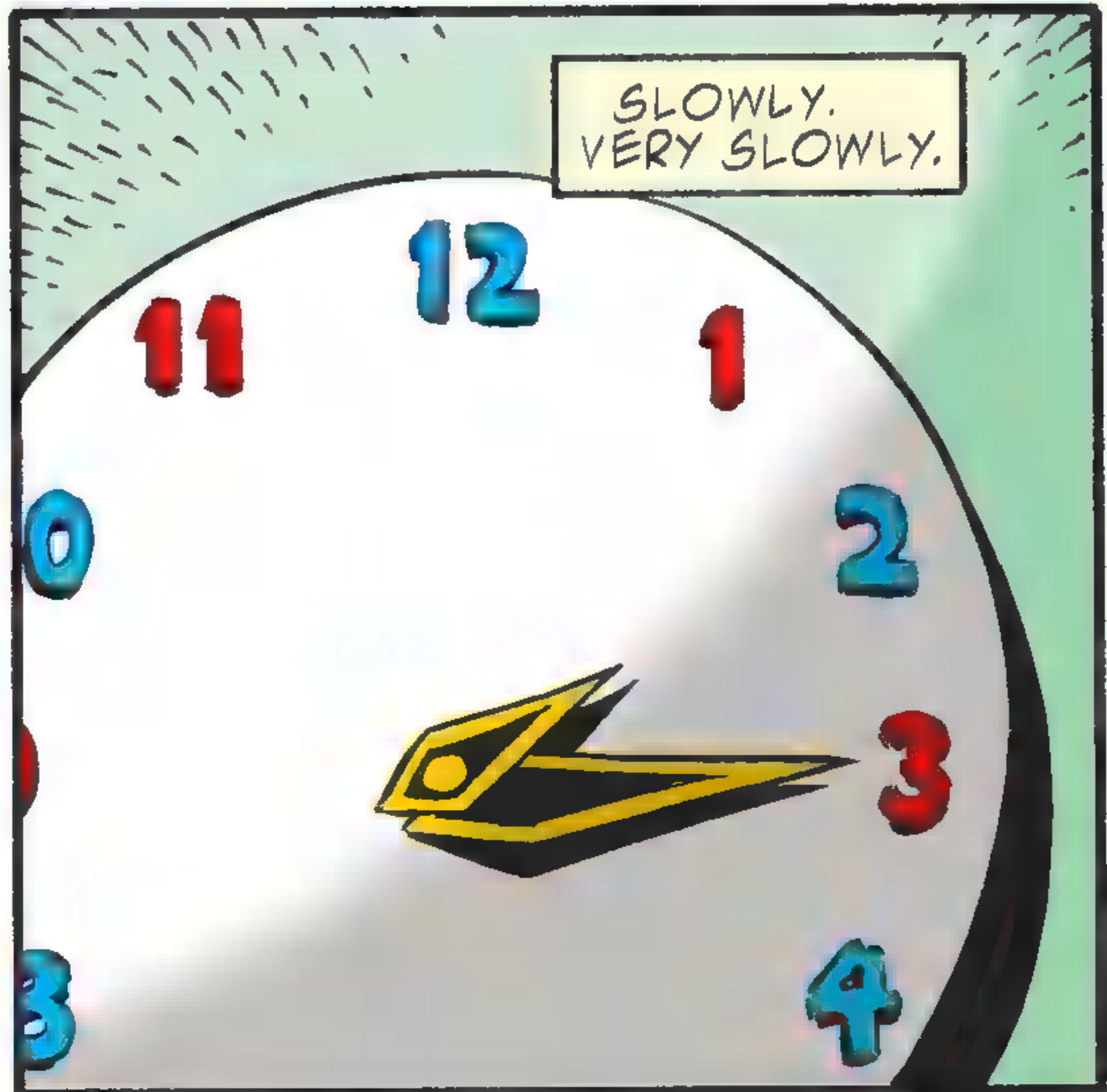
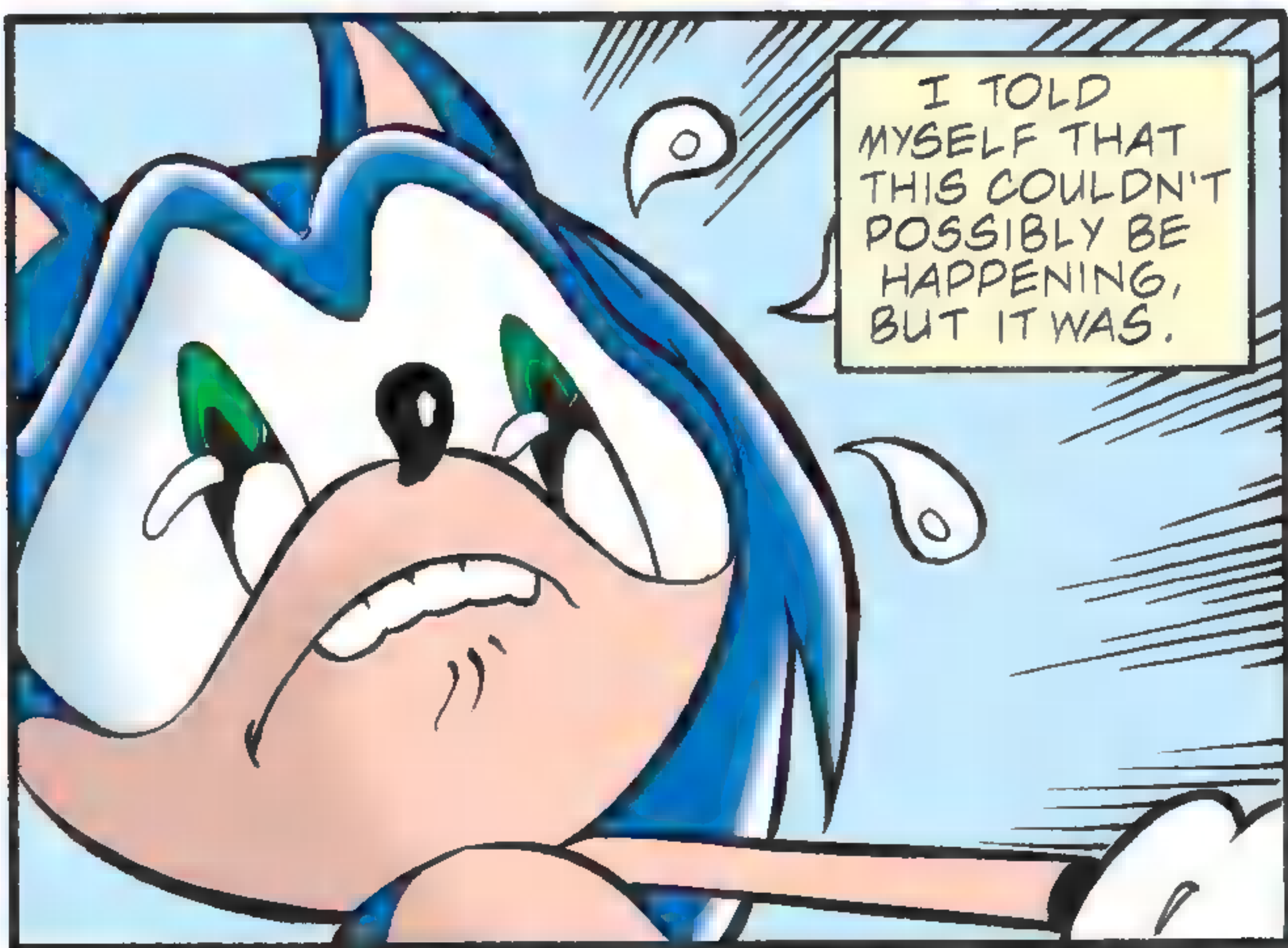
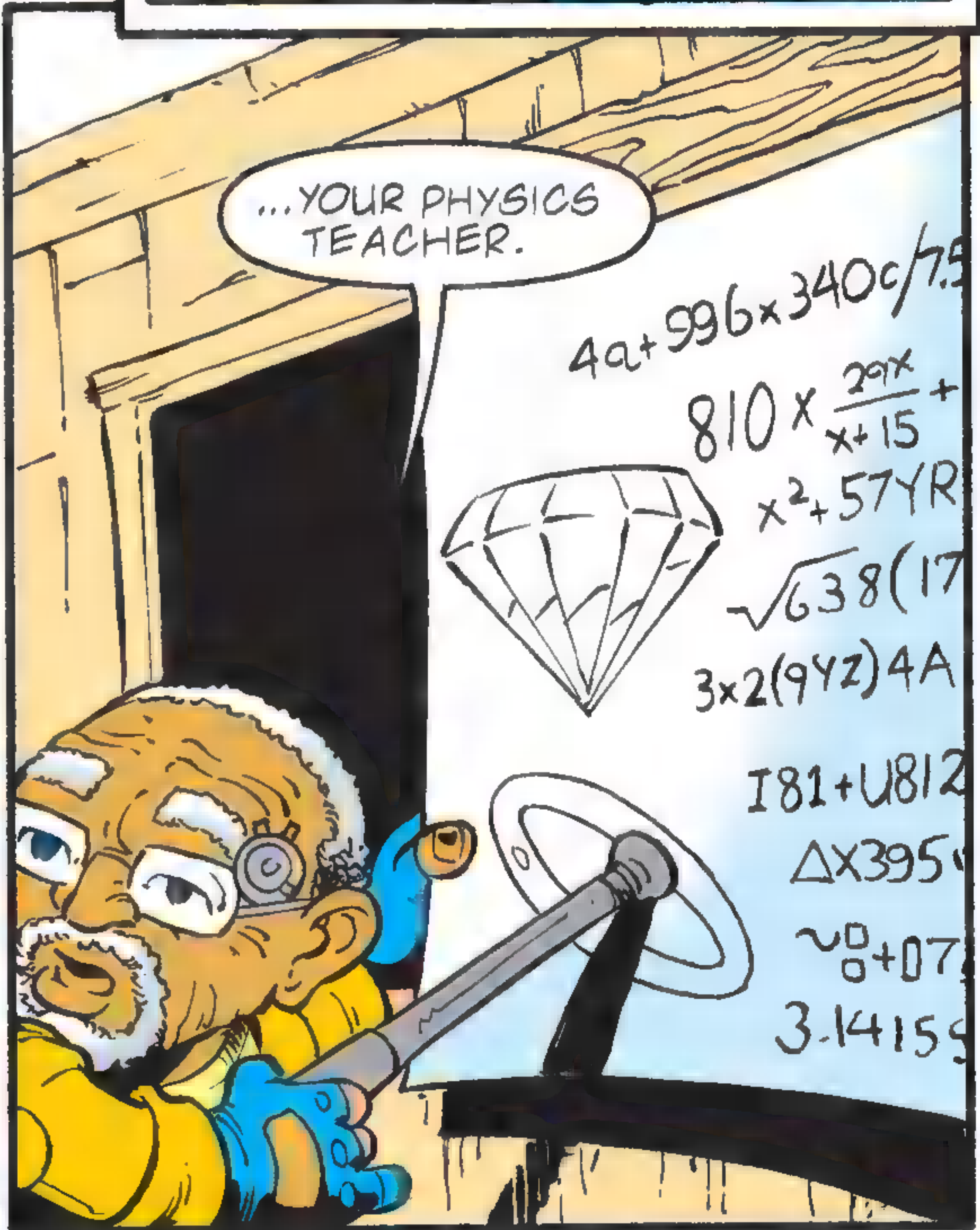
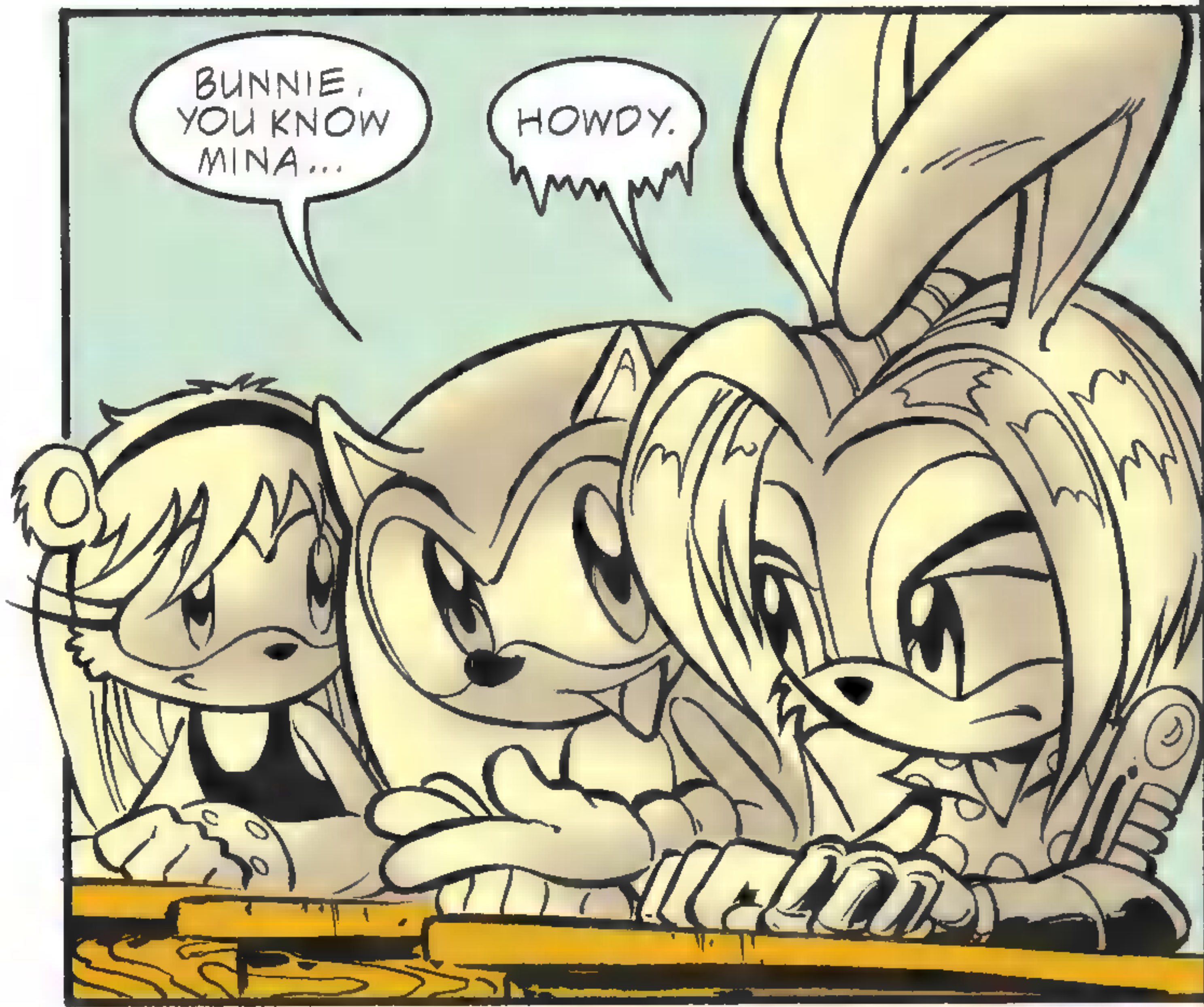


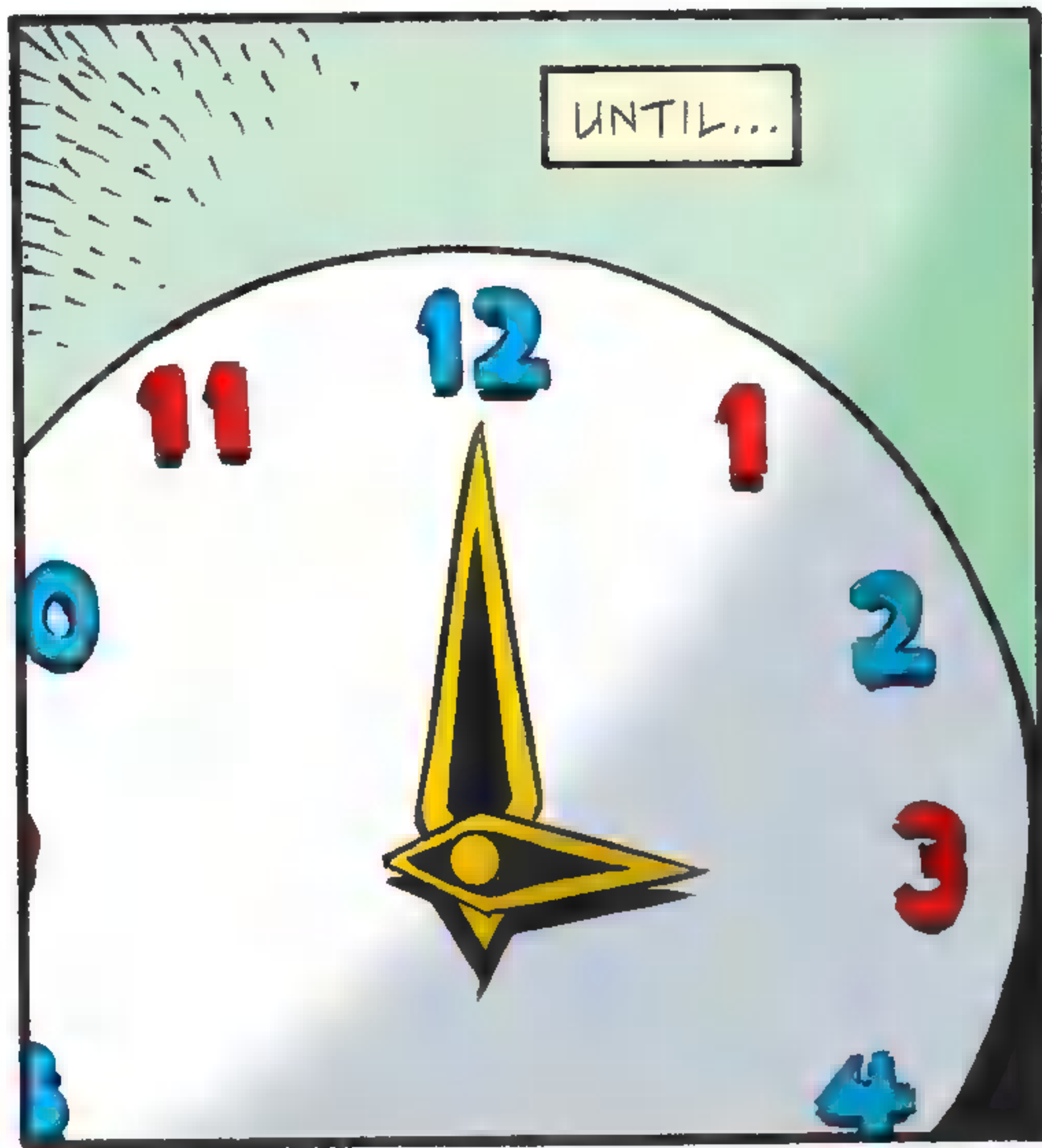
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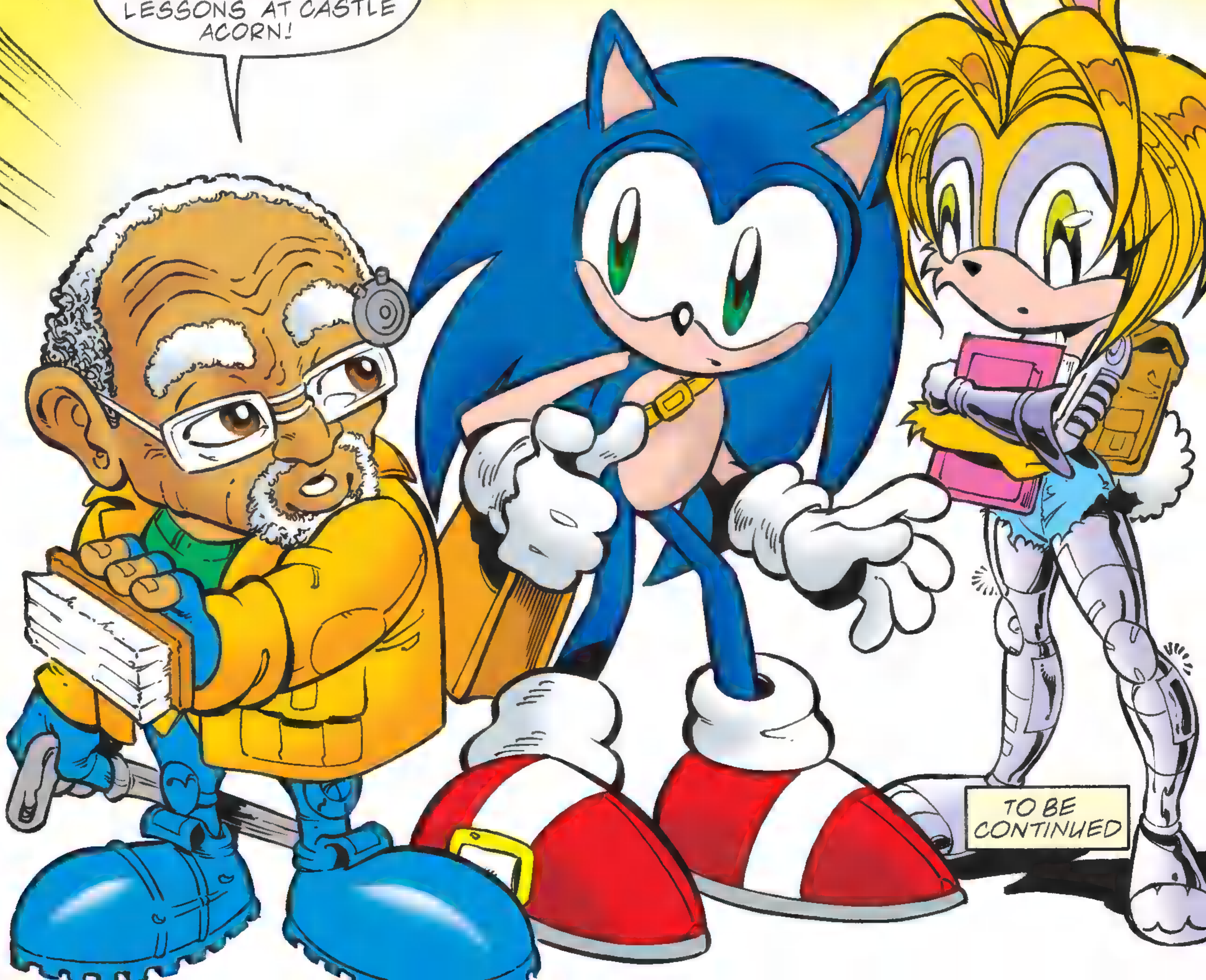








SONIC, IT WAS
DECIDED THAT THE
PRINCESS IS TO
RECEIVE PRIVATE
LESSONS AT CASTLE
ACORN!



Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

HAVING BEEN RECRUITED BY THE ECHIDNA HIGH COUNCIL ON ALBION TO TRACK DOWN AND BRING BACK... **KNUCKLES**

NIC THE WEASEL IS SOMEWHAT NONPLUSSED WHEN HER BROTHER TURNS UP EMPTY-HANDED. AFTER SHE WITNESSED KNUCKLES [FORCED TO SURRENDER WHEN HIS FRIEND CHARMY BEE AND LOVELY FIANCEE SAFRON WHO WERE THREATENED WITH SERIOUS BODILY HARM] DEPART THE SCENE WITH NACK ONLY MINUTES AGO...

WHOA!

DON'T TELL ME THE ECHIDNA GAVE YOU THE SLIP!

ON THE CONTRARY--I MADE AN EARLY DELIVERY!

GUESS OUR EMPLOYERS COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL WE RETURNED!

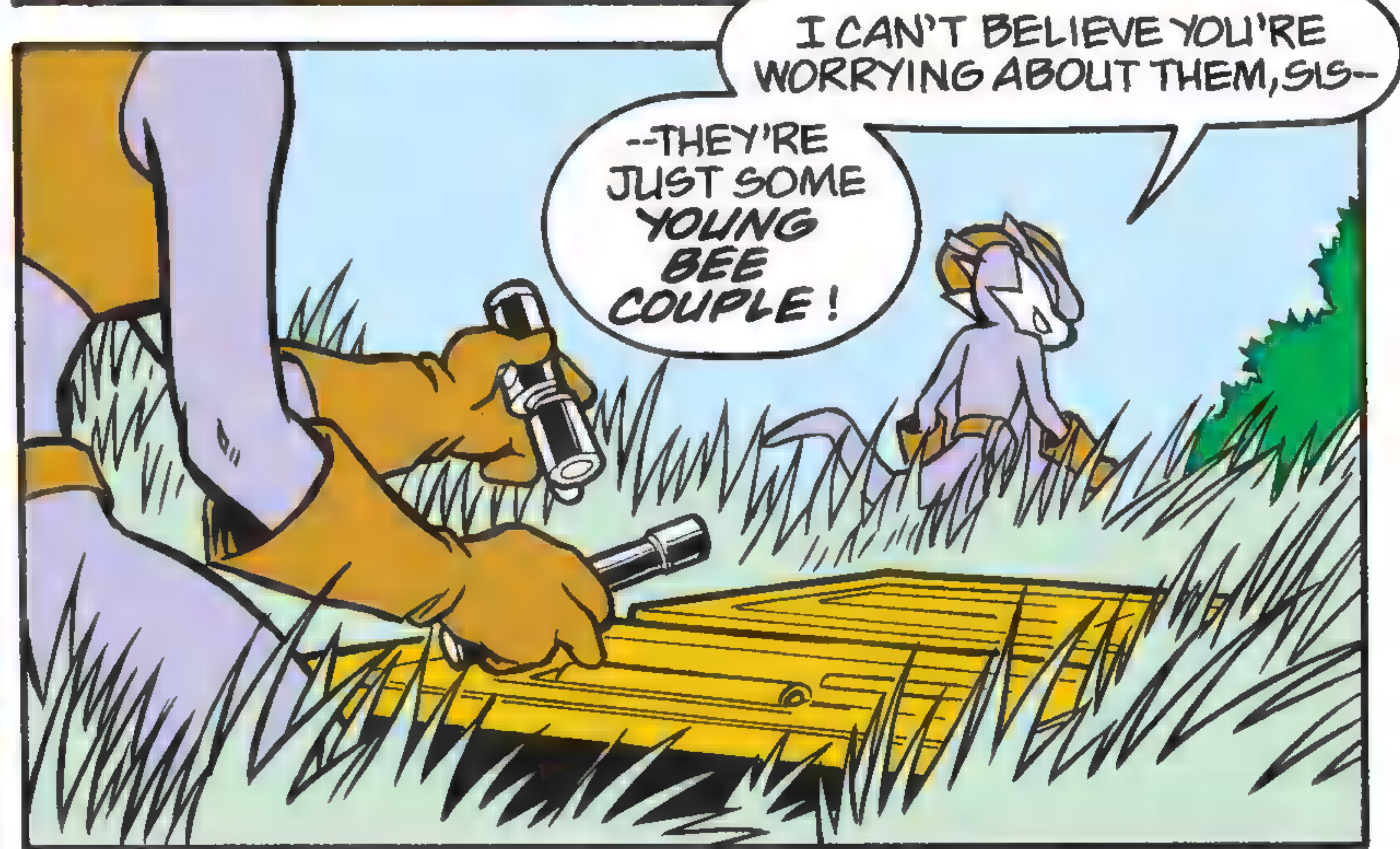
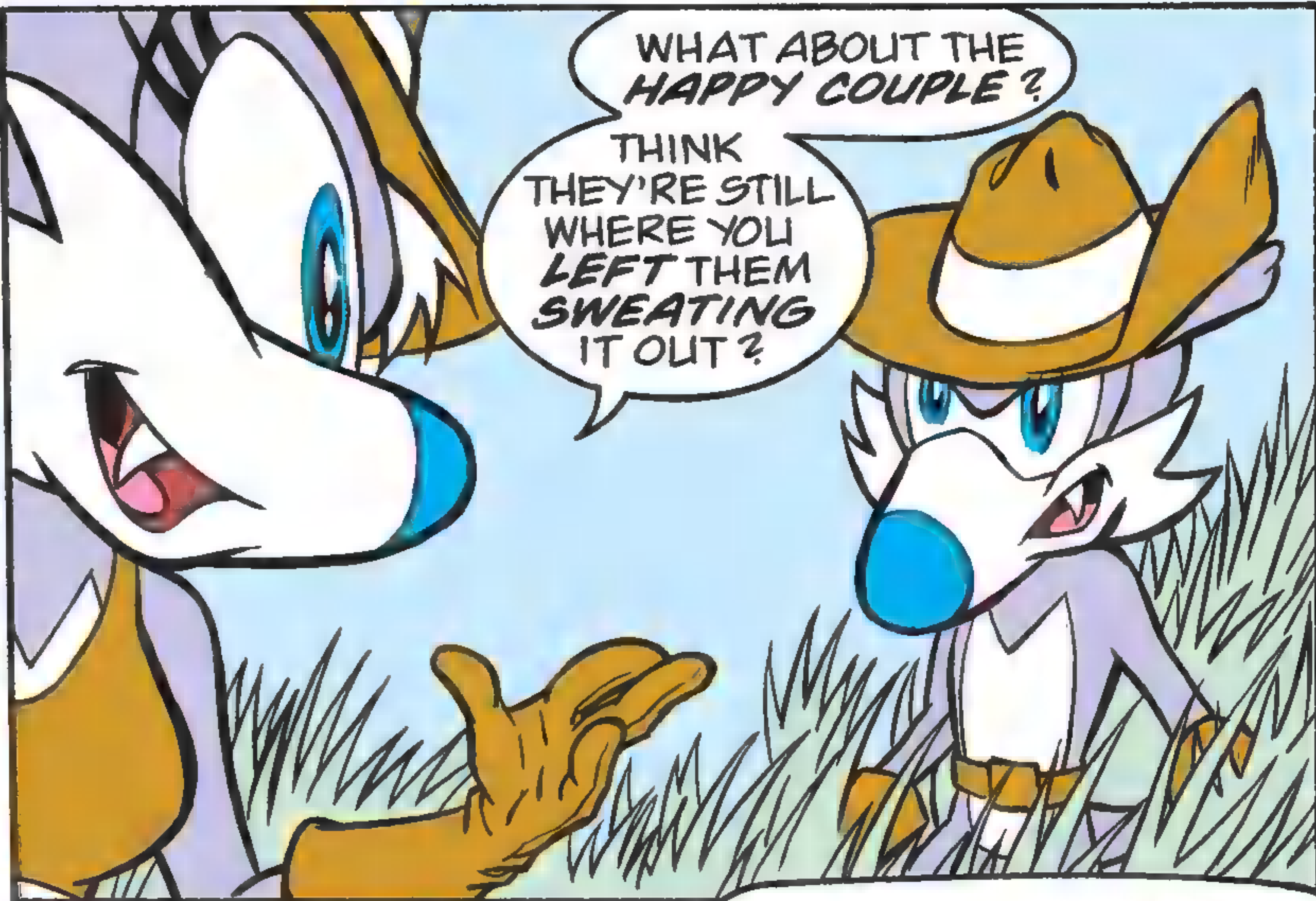
WE EVEN GOT A NICE-SIZED BONUS FOR OUR TROUBLE!

WE DID?

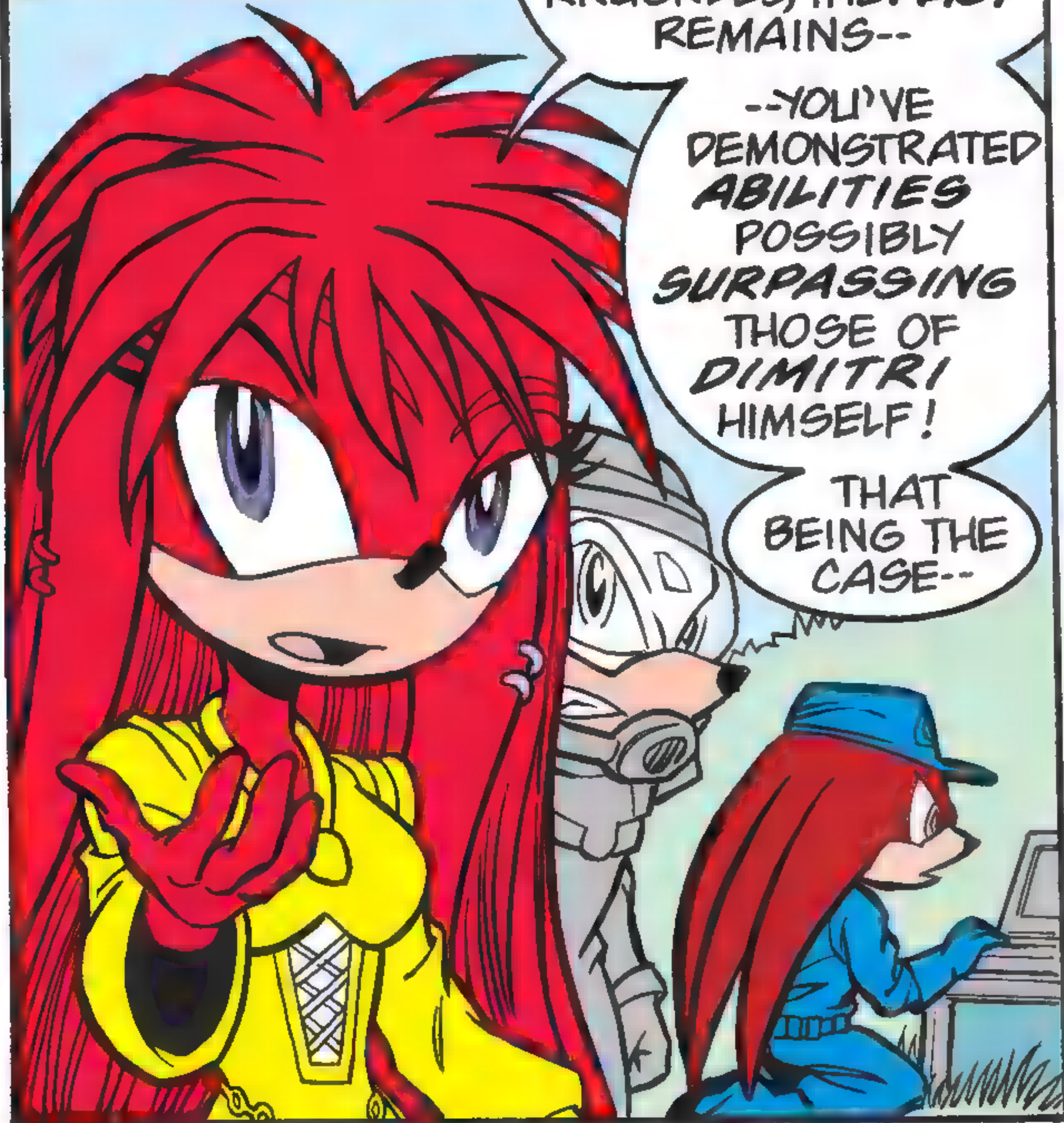
THE BEST LAID PLANS...

ANOTHER SEGA-INSPIRED STORY BY

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"--IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE WE'VE A MOMENT TO SPARE!"



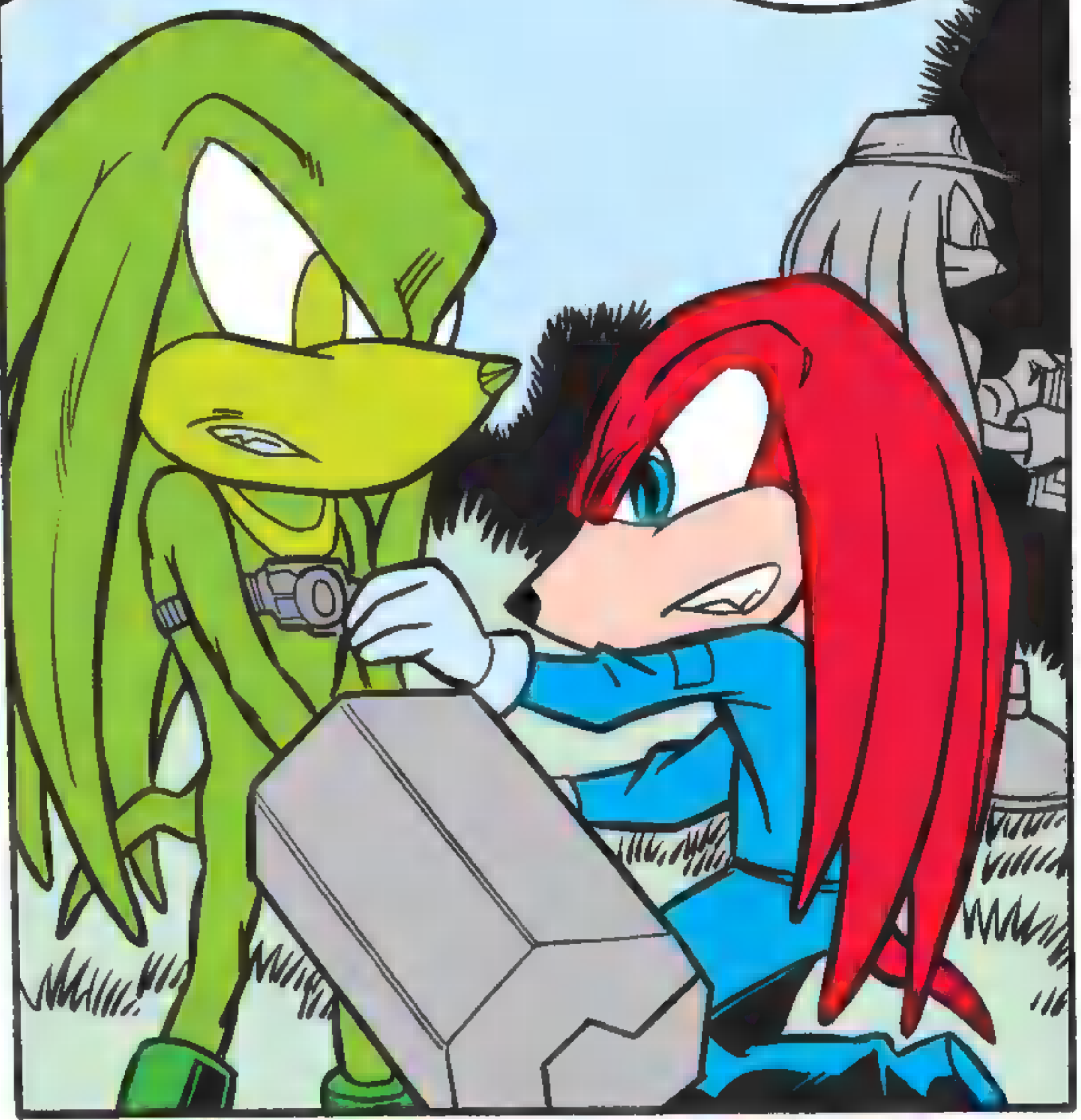
AS MUCH AS I WISH WE COULD **AVOID** ALL THIS **UN- PLEASANTNESS**, KNUCKLES, THE **FACT** REMAINS--

--YOU'VE DEMONSTRATED **ABILITIES** POSSIBLY **SURPASSING** THOSE OF **DIMITRI** HIMSELF!

THAT BEING THE CASE--

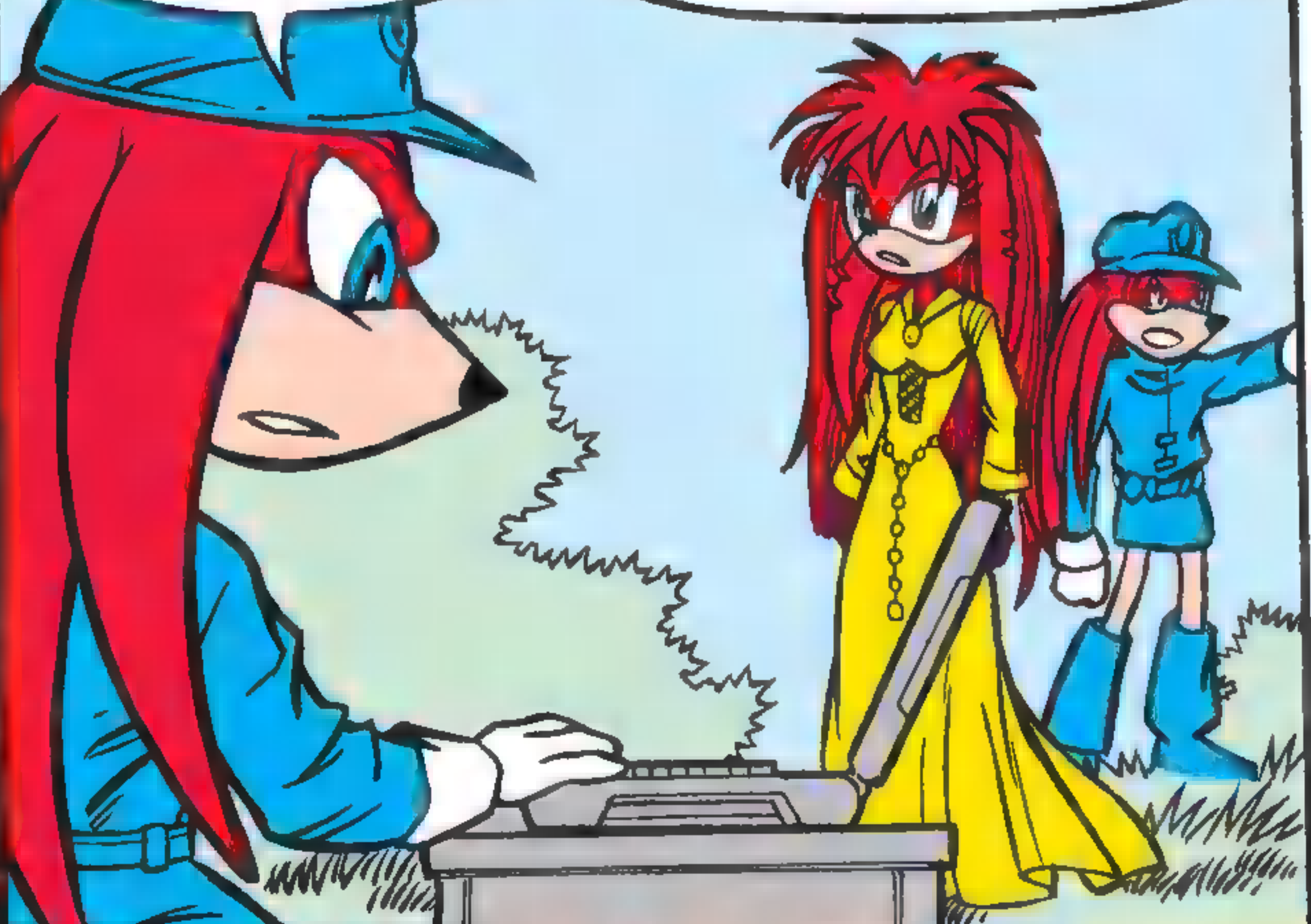
--IT'S UP TO US TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO **NULLIFY** THAT **THREAT--**

--INCLUDING RESORTING TO THE USE OF A **CHAOS SYPHON** ITSELF!



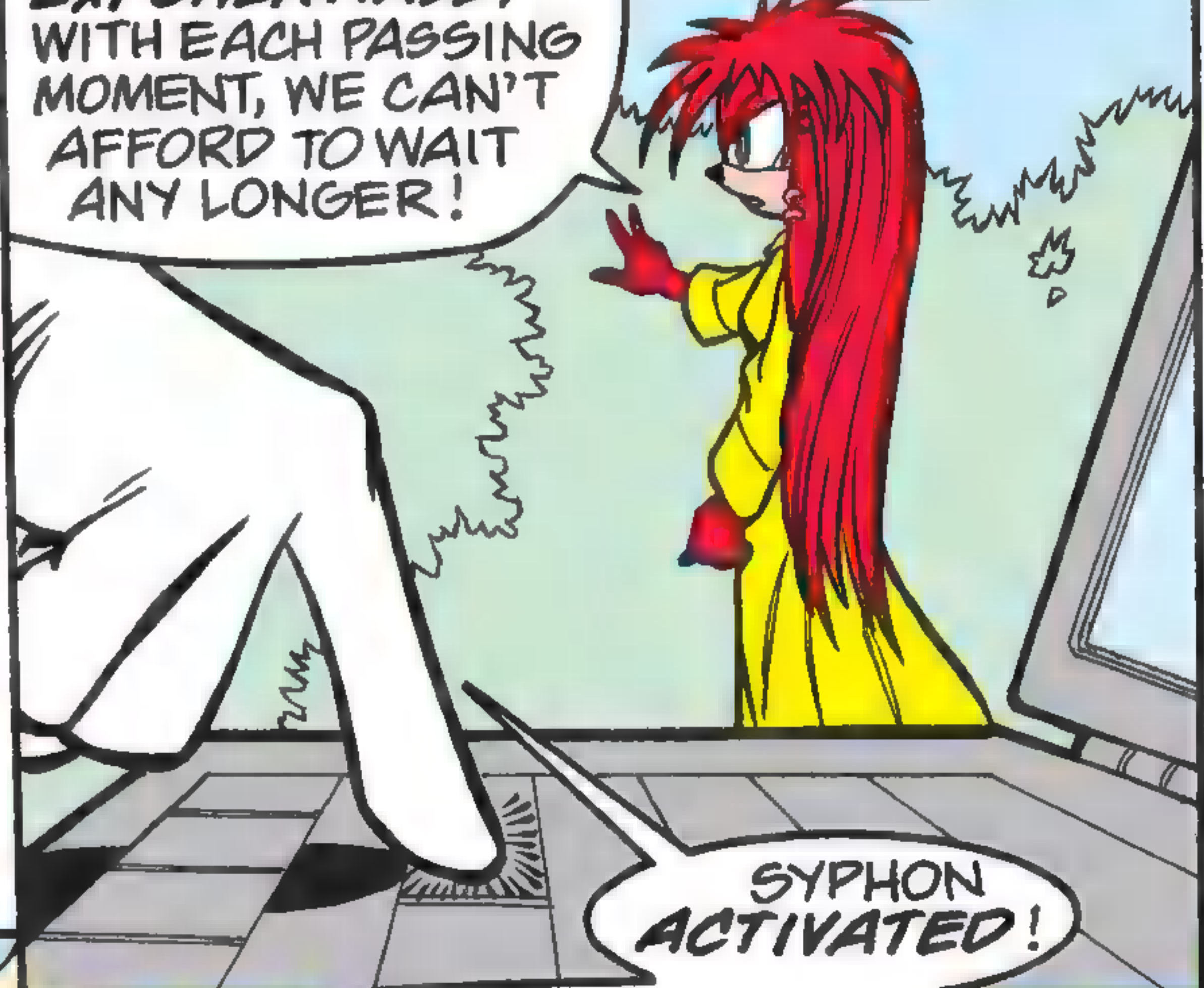
THE **UPDATED** SET-UP IS JACKED IN AND GOOD TO GO!

THE ONLY **X-FACTOR** IS HOW WELL **KNUCKLES** WILL HOLD UP THROUGH THE **PROCESS**!



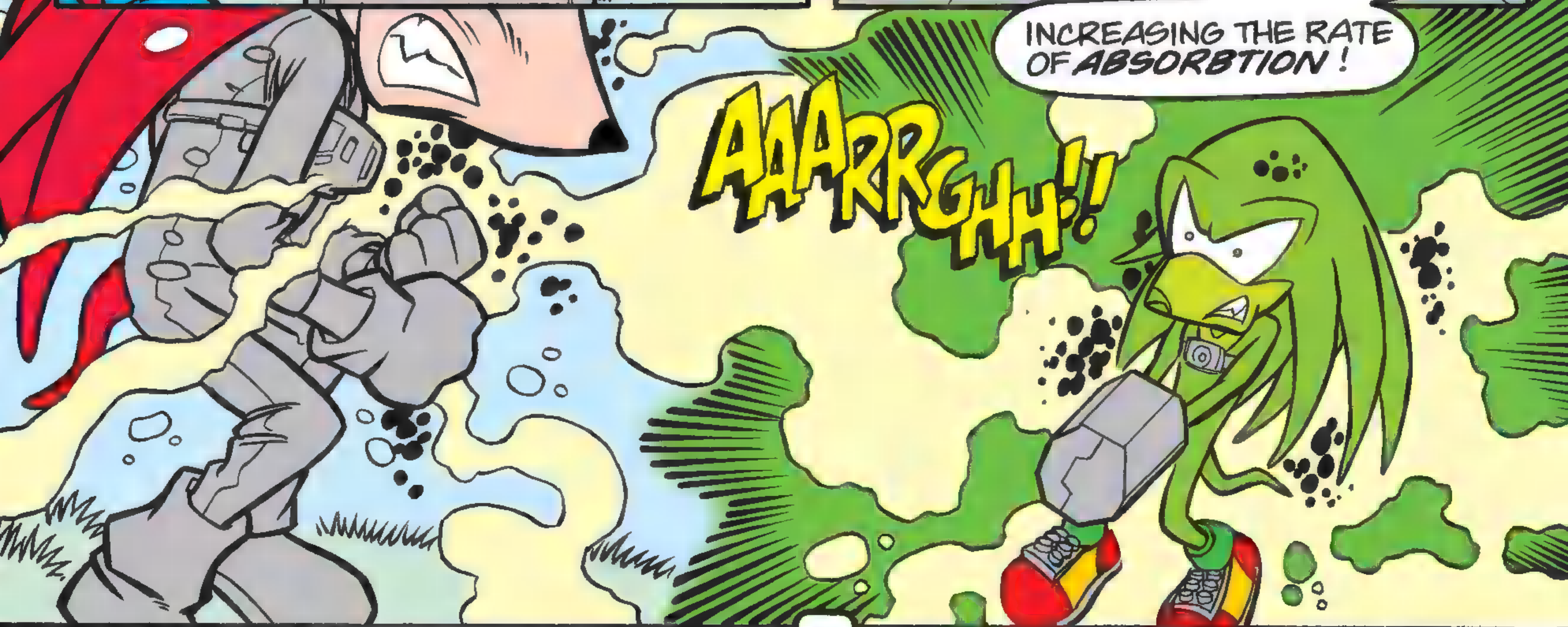
WITH HIS POWER INCREASING **EXPONENTIALLY** WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER!

ACTIVATE THE SYPHON!

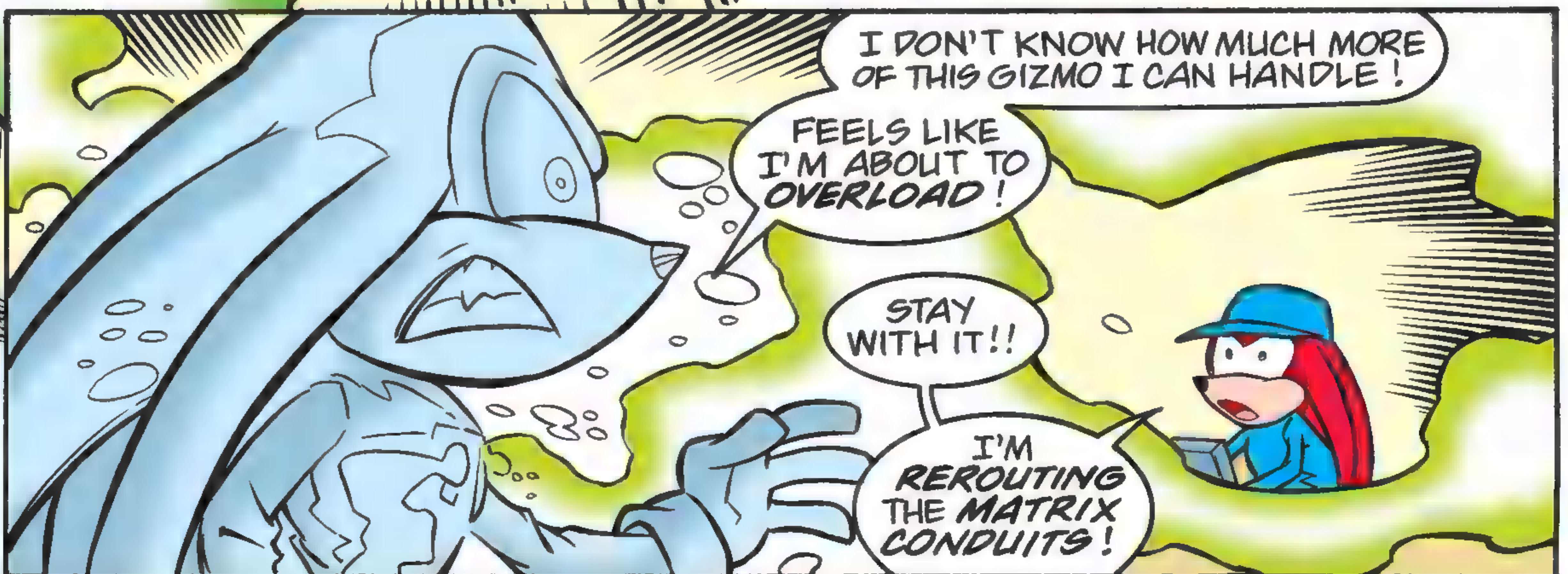
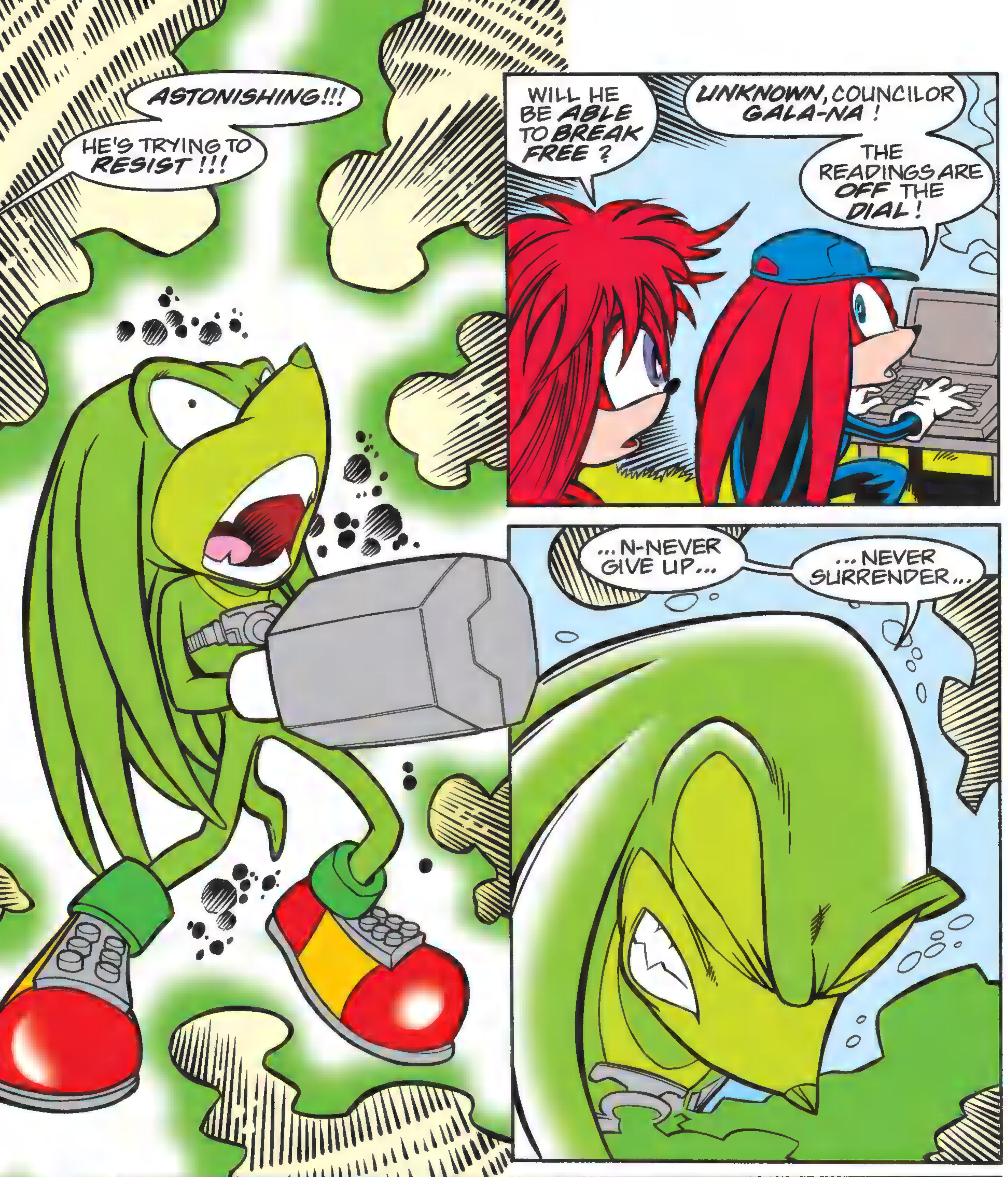


SYPHON ACTIVATED!

INCREASING THE RATE OF **ABSORPTION**!



AAARRGHH!!



"ALL I NEED IS ANOTHER
MINUTE OR TWO!"

I DON'T SEE ANY
SIGN OF THE
WEASEL OR YOUR
FRIEND!

DOWN
BELOW!
THERE'S
A GROUP
OF 'EM!

IT'S **KNUCKLES**!

AND HIS
OWN GUYS ARE
PUTTING HIM
IN A WORLD OF
HURT!

...ENOUGH
ALREADY...

MY MOST
SINCEREST
APOLOGIES,
MY YOUNG
FRIEND--

--BUT THE **DANGER**
IS TOO GREAT TO TAKE
ANY CHANCES WITH YOU!

WE'VE GOT
TO DO
SOMETHING,
SAF!

LIKE
WHAT?
YOU HAVE A
PLAN?

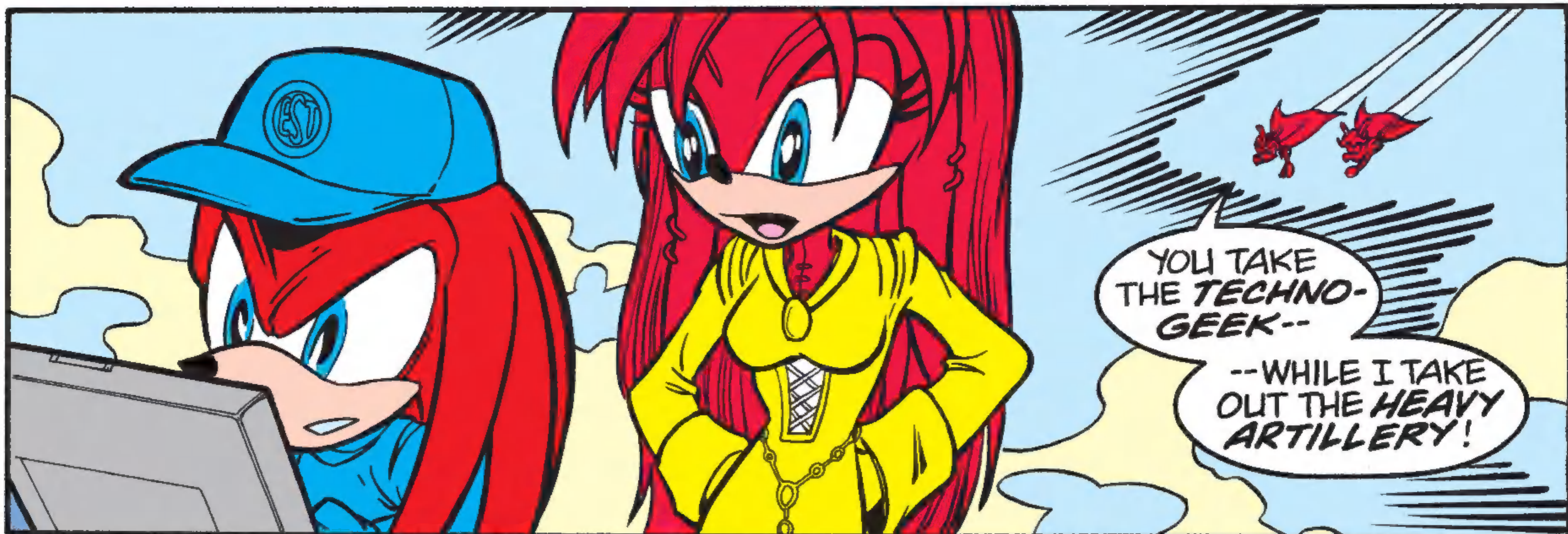
SEE THOSE TWO
DOWN THERE?

I'M
BETTING IF WE
TAKE THOSE GUYS
OUT--

--THAT JUST MIGHT GIVE
KNUCKLES A BREAK!

I'M WITH YOU,
HONEY BEE!

LET'S
SHOW 'EM
OUR
STING!



YOU TAKE THE **TECHNO-
GEEK**--

--WHILE I TAKE
OUT THE **HEAVY
ARTILLERY!**



JUST BECAUSE I'M A **GIRL**--

--DOESN'T MEAN
I CAN'T HANDLE
THE **TOUGH
JOBS!**

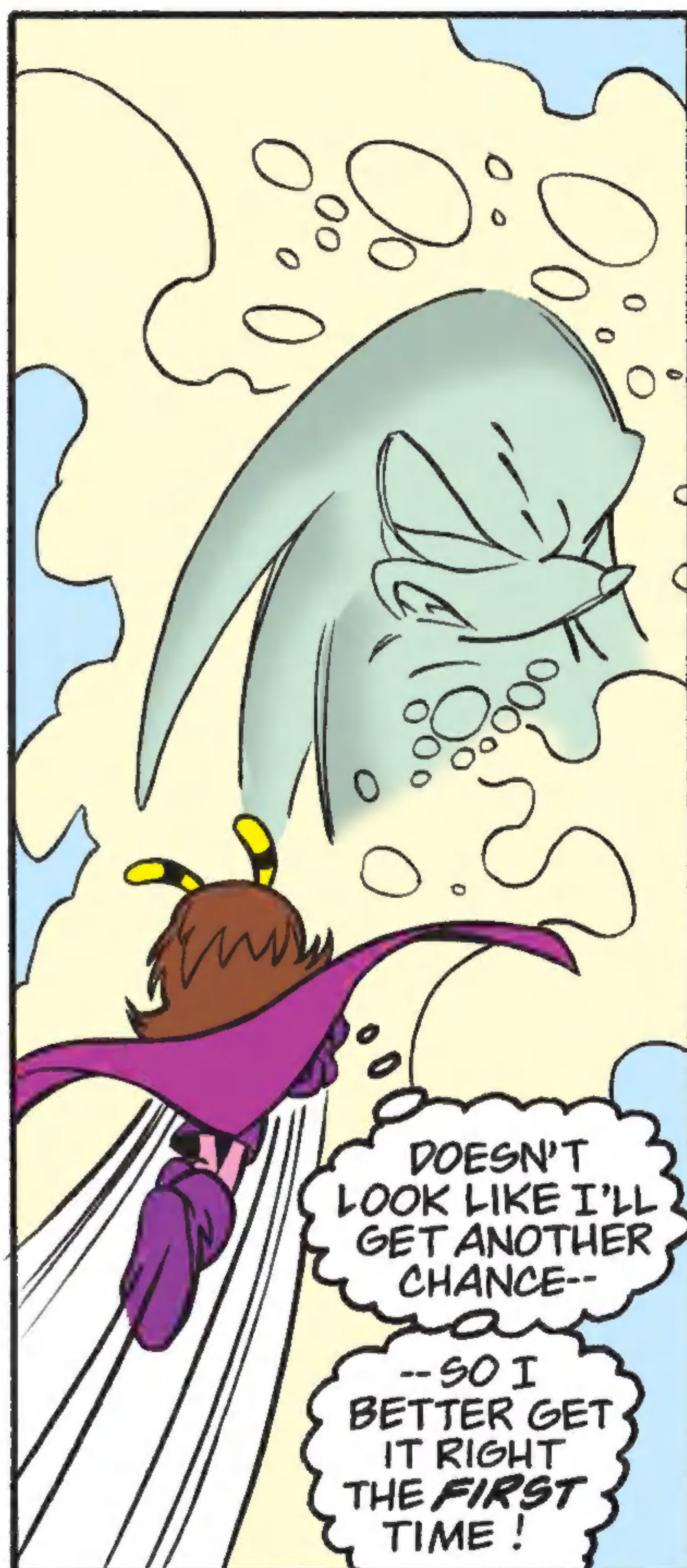
SAF, I
**DIDN'T
MEAN--**



I'LL **WORRY** ABOUT
PUTTING MY FOOT IN
MY MOUTH **LATER!**

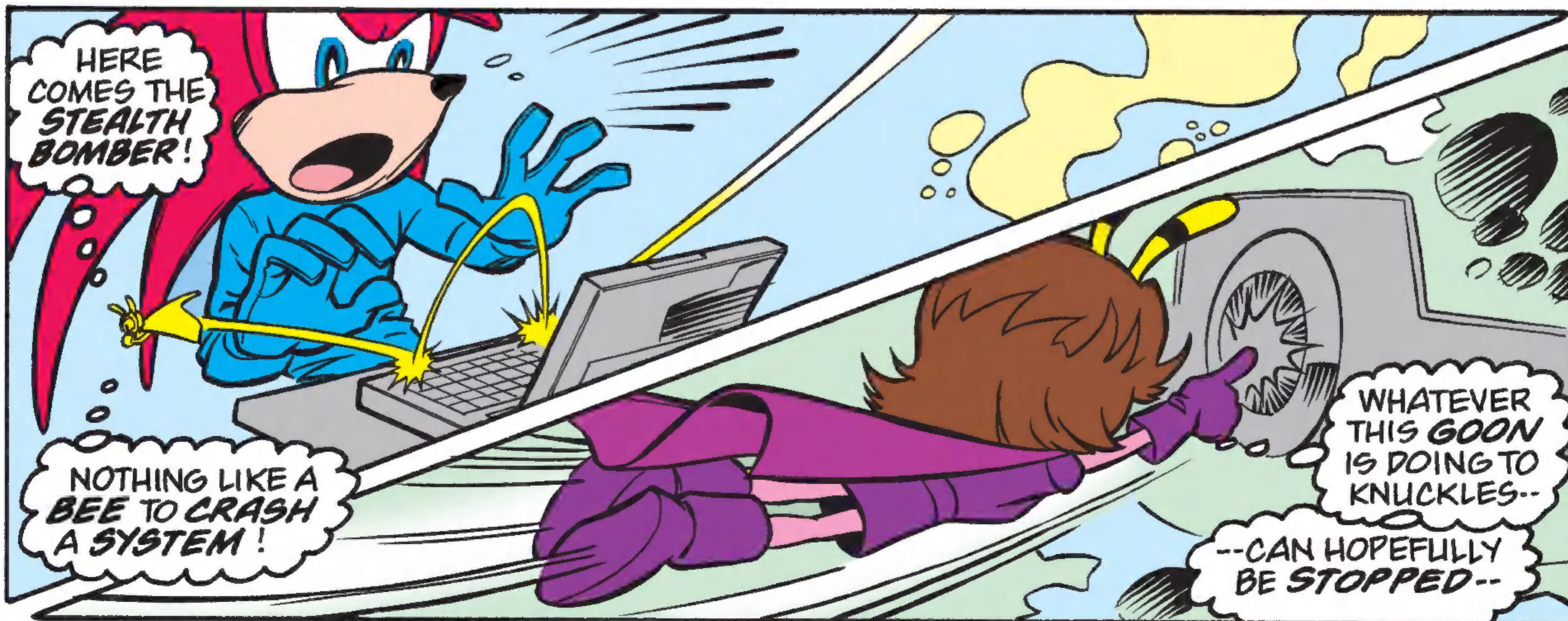
BETTER
KEEP MY EYE
ON THE BALL,
THOUGH!

OR
KEYBOARD,
IN THIS
CASE!



DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE I'LL
GET ANOTHER
CHANCE--

--SO I
BETTER GET
IT RIGHT
THE **FIRST
TIME!**

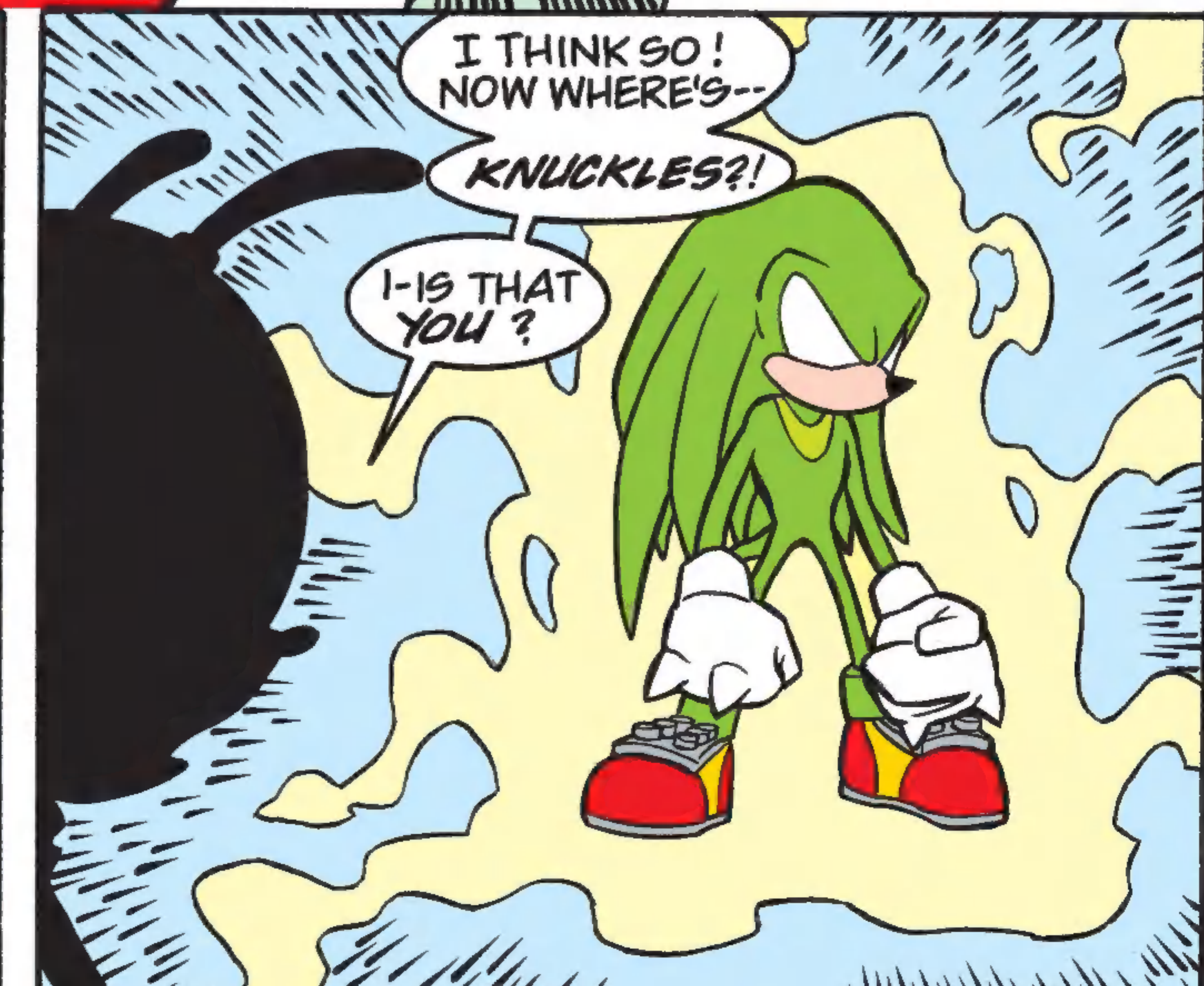
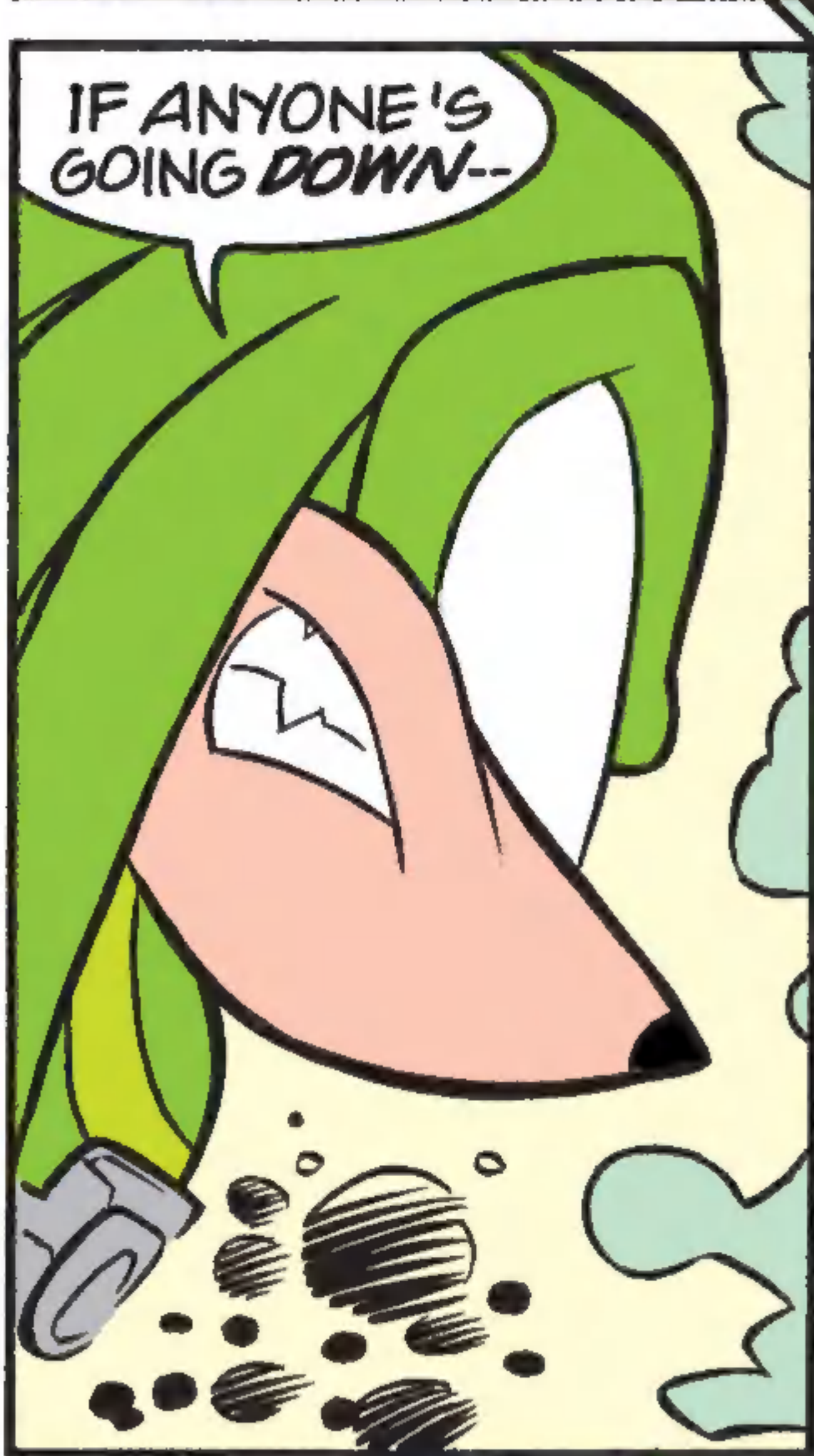
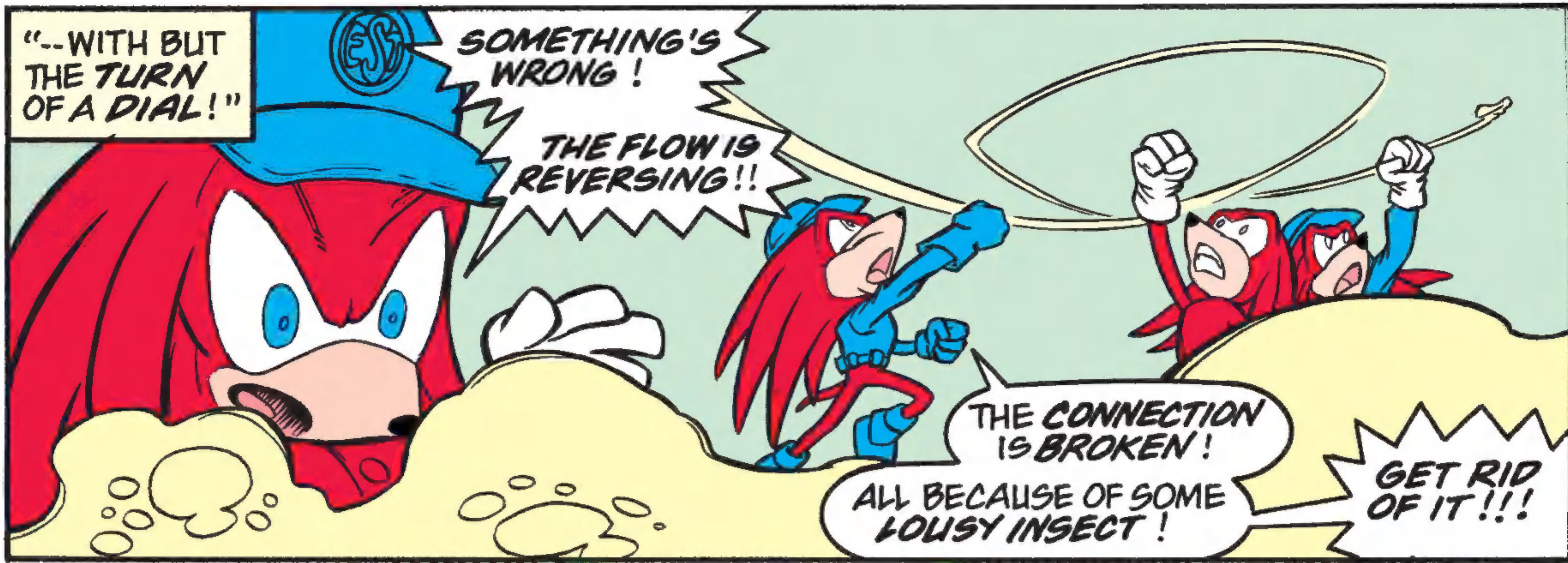


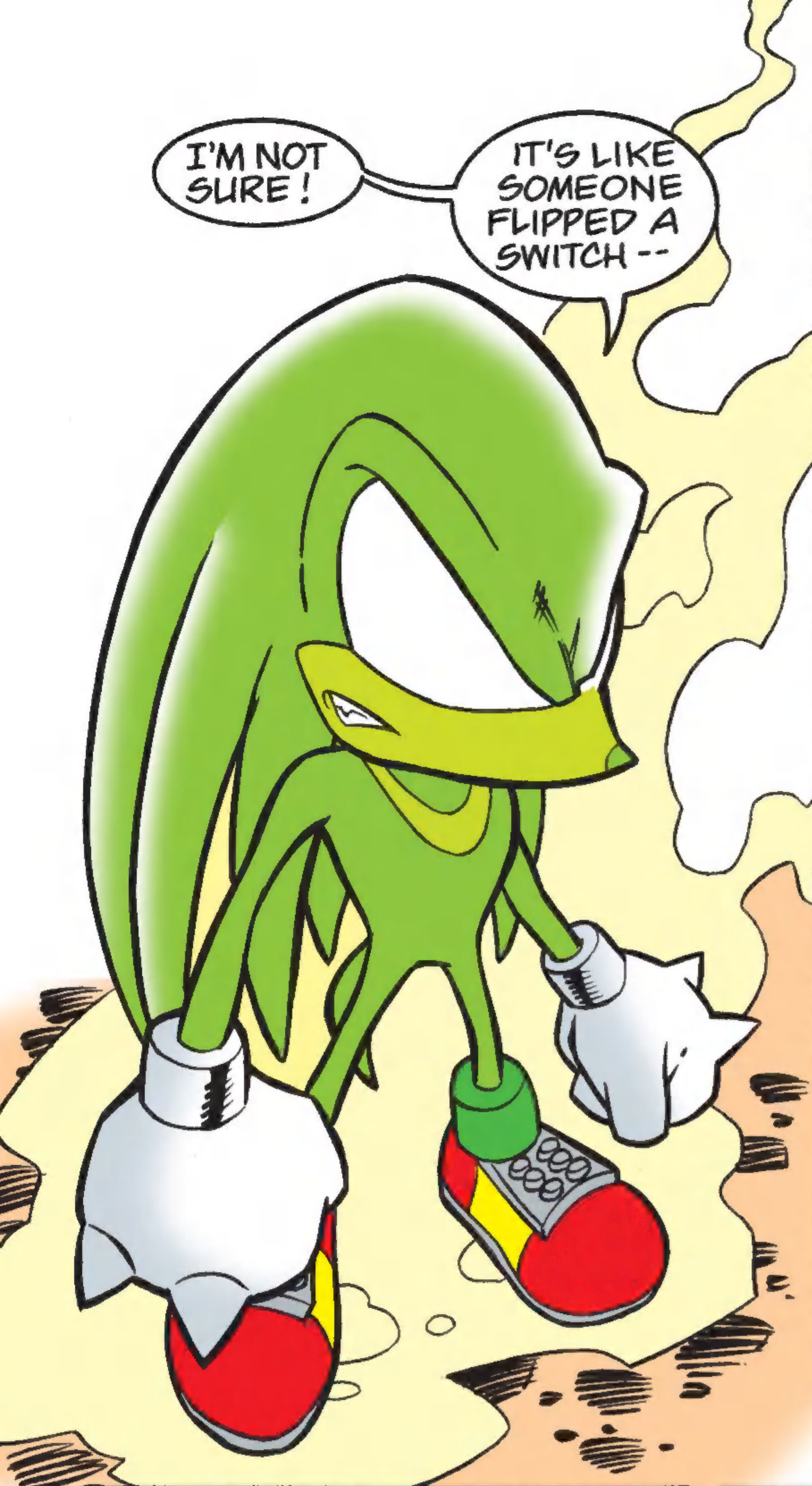
HERE
COMES THE
**STEALTH
BOMBER!**

NOTHING LIKE A
**BEE TO CRASH
A SYSTEM!**

WHATEVER
THIS **GOON**
IS DOING TO
KNUCKLES--

--CAN HOPEFULLY
BE **STOPPED--**





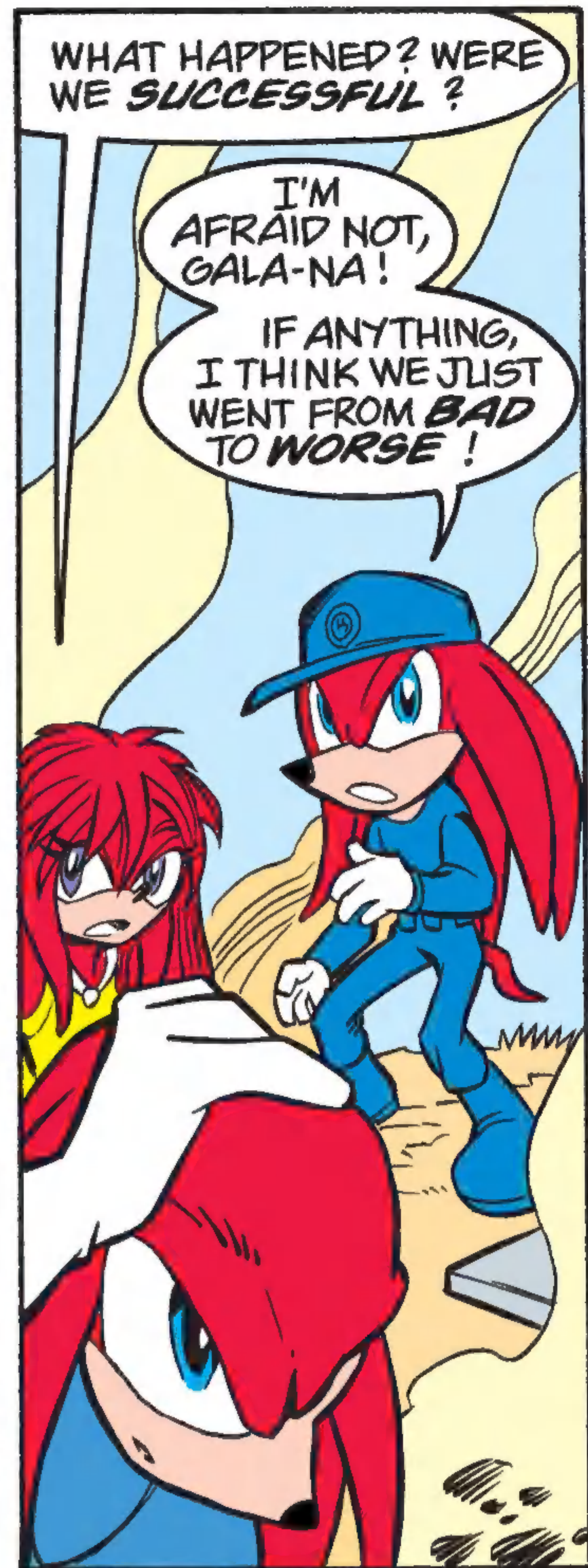
I'M NOT SURE!

IT'S LIKE SOMEONE FLIPPED A SWITCH --



-- AND NOW EVERYTHING'S --

-- DIFFERENT --



WHAT HAPPENED? WERE WE **SUCCESSFUL**?

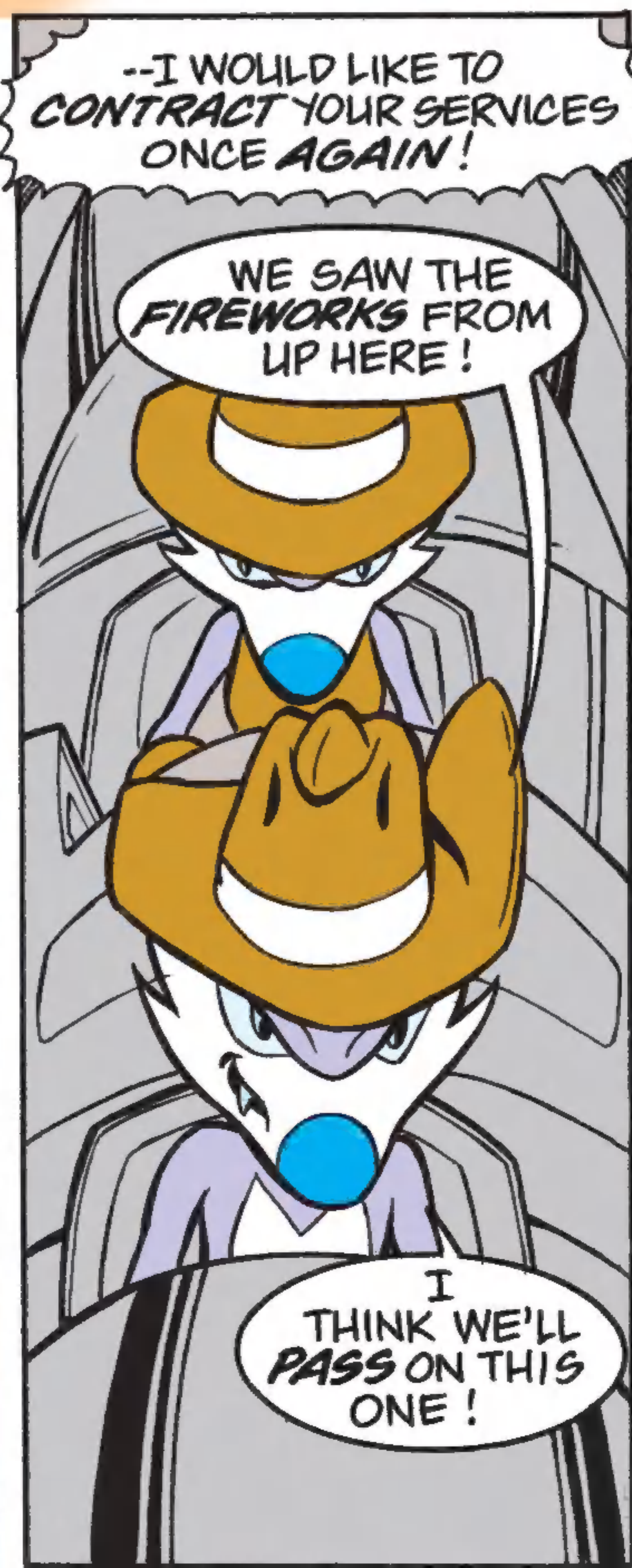
I'M AFRAID NOT, GALA-NA!

IF ANYTHING, I THINK WE JUST WENT FROM **BAD** TO **WORSE**!



HOPEFULLY, THE **WEASELS** WILL STILL BE IN COMMUNICATIONS RANGE!

THIS IS **GALA-NA** TONIC AND NACK--



-- I WOULD LIKE TO **CONTRACT** YOUR SERVICES ONCE AGAIN!

WE SAW THE **FIREWORKS** FROM UP HERE!

I THINK WE'LL **PASS** ON THIS ONE!



NOW **WHAT**?

NEXT: HOW ABOUT... THE CHOSEN ONE!